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A party of refugees in the French Concession who cannot be accommodated in camps and have to sleep on the side streets.

## Eden Favours Despatch Of Fleet To China

### CABINET POSTPONES DISCUSSION

London, Dec. 23: No decision has been taken concerning the eventual despatch of the British Mediterranean fleet to the Far East according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Express" who affirms that the Cabinet after sitting for five hours yesterday agreed to postpone discussion of the question.

### "IMPAIRING RIGHTS OF FRANCE IN TUNIS"

"Destour Party" Leader Charged

Tunis, Dec. 23: The State Attorney has opened proceedings against Habib Pourquie, leader of the "Destour Party." Pourquie is accused of "impairing the rights of France in Tunis. Instigation to racial hatred and spreading false news," since reprinted in Algerian papers in an article congratulating Tunisians on their political strike on November 20 in "El Amel" a newspaper of the "Destour Party" on December 8.

### NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Bomb Hurlled At Governor Of Korea

OFFICIALS KILLED

Hankow, Dec. 23: The Japanese Governor-General of Korea, Kazunari Ugaki, narrowly escaped death when a Korean hurled a bomb at him on December 18 according to a report received by the paper, "Saotung Pao." A number of high officials were killed by the exploding bomb. The perpetrator of the outrage, a Korean, was arrested by Japanese.

The paper also reports that revolutionary elements in Korea and Formosa have been extremely active of late. The Japanese authorities in the two dependencies are said to have arrested more than one thousand persons recently. The Governor-General of Formosa has issued extremely rigorous regulations threatening persons inciting the population to disorders with the severest penalties.

### KOWLOON FIRE

A small fire broke out at 16, Arthur Street, Kowloon, at 1.45 a.m. this morning. The fire was confined to the kitchen on the ground floor and was extinguished before the arrival of the Fire Brigade. No material damage was suffered.

## "BRITAIN NOT FEARED" SAYS JAPAN

### Press Comment Characterizes Reported Increase Of Naval Strength In East As Bluff

### CHAMBERLAIN ATTACKED FOR "ARROGANT MILITANT ATTITUDE"

Tokyo, December 23. "Deep regret" over the "excitement" shown by the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, in his statement on foreign affairs in the House of Commons on Tuesday is expressed in an editorial in the "Osaka Mainichi." Under the caption "Britain Excited," the journal refers to the reply given by Mr. Chamberlain to Mr. Atlee, Leader of the Opposition, who voiced strong criticism of Japan "for her complete disregard for international law."

The "Osaka Mainichi" takes particular exception to Mr. Chamberlain's statement that whatever the origin of the war in the Far East "it certainly was a fact that there was no attempt made by Japan to seek settlement by peaceful means." The "Osaka Mainichi" says that Mr. Chamberlain thus reveals an "arrogant militant attitude as if Japan was entirely to blame. Such an attitude can hardly expedite a peaceful settlement of the conflict."

The "Kokumin" under the caption "Britain Not Feared" says, "We can dismiss the idea that Britain would challenge this country in single handed. We are not concerned over any strengthening of the British naval strength in the Far East. Our concern has been aroused that Britain might induce the Soviet Union and the United States to swing into action in this part of the world."

The "Nichi Nichi" asserts that the genuine friendship with Japan, around which the future situation in China is turning, involves no infringement of foreign rights and interests in China. On the contrary, genuine friendship with Japan can alone bring new peace and order into China, permitting resumption of normal economic activities by the Powers.

Should Britain continue to support the Anti-Japanese regime in China the "Nichi Nichi" fears she might meet an unexpected counter-blow. In conclusion, the "Nichi Nichi" says if the reported intentions of the British Government to despatch fleet reinforcements to the Far East meant as a bluff, that kind of policy would produce no improvement because it had already failed in the case of the Italo-Abyssinian conflict.

It declares that it was regrettable that Mr. Chamberlain "apparently voiced approval in general principle to Mr. Atlee's speech accusing Japan of disregard of international law" and says that neutral observers "would not fail to see the British Government's anxiety in the excitement displayed by Mr. Chamberlain in reply to Mr. Atlee."

It declares also that "it was a plain and indisputable fact that the anti-Japanese regime in China, which Britain supports, has virtually collapsed, and that China as a whole is in a process of transformation." It adds, "Japan has broken the persistent resistance offered by the anti-Japanese regime in China and is now going to extend constructive assistance to the new administration to develop China in co-operation with Japan and secure enduring peace in East Asia."

### EXTENSIVE FIGHTING EXPECTED

### FOREIGNERS ADVISED TO EVACUATE From Hangchow Zone

Shanghai, Dec. 23: In view of the danger of "severe and extensive fighting" the Japanese Consular authorities have issued a notice to Foreign Consuls regarding the advisability of evacuating their nationals from Hangchow and Shaoching, 35 miles south-east of Hangchow.

The Japanese Consular authorities point out it is the wish of the Japanese forces that "all foreign nationals in those areas stay away as much as possible from the zone of actual fighting and evacuate without delay."

Transportation facilities for the evacuees must be left to the respective Consuls to arrange according to a Japanese spokesman this afternoon at a press conference. At present 31 foreigners are in Hangchow including 15 Britons and five Americans.

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### London Silver Market

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
London, Dec. 23.  
London silver prices to-day were down 3/16 as follows:—  
Dec. 22. Dec. 23.  
Spot.....18-11/16 18-1/2  
Forward.....18-1/2 18-5/16

### GENERALISSIMO CONFERRING IN CANTON?

Shanghai, Dec. 23. According to an unconfirmed Japanese report from Hong Kong, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Madame Chiang, General Ho Yin-chin and General Chen Cheng went to Canton on Tuesday to confer with military commanders on the defence of Kwangtung. The report adds that General Yu Han-mou, Commander-in-Chief, and General Wu Te-chen, Governor of Kwangtung, were present at the conference.

### TO DEFEND KWANGTUNG AT COSTS

Canton, Dec. 23: "I shall lead the army to defend Kwangtung at all costs if the Japanese should invade the province," declared Gen. Yu Han-mou, Commander of the Fourth Route Army and Pacification Commissioner, for Kwangtung, in an interview with the Central News to-day.

"We shall not yield one inch of ground even though the province is reduced to a shambles," the general added.

The defence of Kwangtung has been strengthened, and there is no cause for anxiety over the maintenance of peace and order, he said.

Central News.

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## PEACE IN EUROPE

### Franco-German Entente Suggested

### PURPOSE OF FLANDIN'S VISIT TO BERLIN EXPLAINED

Paris, Dec. 23. The purpose of his journey to Germany and his impressions there are explained by former French Premier M. Flandin in the "Paris Soir."

The purpose of the journey was, he declared, to become acquainted with the German point of view. Germany demanded return of her African Colonies. Lord Halifax had received precise explanations of the German point of view and the French Government had been informed about it in London.

The decision never to return to the League, announced by Germany's leading men, had to be considered as definite. Regarding the general organisation of peace in Europe, Germany was suggesting that a Franco-German Entente would be a much better instrument of peace and pacification than a resuscitation of the League Covenant, which had been a disappointing failure as far as practical application was concerned.

Germany was pointing out that French conception of status quo was opposed by dynamic conception of historical development. Germany demanded that her vital interests would not be blocked by France. A Franco-German agreement would evidently be only a pact of mutual confidence which could be guaranteed by agreement on armaments.

Whatever might be the outcome of the experiment, whether reconciliation of the various "axes" of feverishly arming Europe be possible or not, it should be borne in mind that quick action must be taken. M. Flandin concluded.

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### REHABILITATION OF NANKING AREA

#### "Autonomous Commission"

Shanghai, Dec. 23. The Japanese have established an "autonomous commission" in Nanking which consists of two Hanshan, sixty-one year philanthropist, as chairman, two vice-chairmen and eight members.

Tao made a statement thanking the Japanese for "restoration of peace and order" in Nanking and undertaking "with Japanese assistance" to rehabilitate the Nanking area.

The commission is apparently not intended as a substitute to Chiang Kai-shek's regime, which will be in the role of the so-called provisional government of Peiping, and therefore it is to be regarded purely as a local administration.

Reuter.

### AMERICAN FLEET MANOEUVRES

### OF UNPRECEDENTED DIMENSIONS

London, Dec. 23: The Naval correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post" in an article this morning points out that the American Fleet manoeuvres in the Pacific which will take place early next year will be of unprecedented dimensions not only as far as the number of units taking part in the manoeuvres is concerned but also as regards the extent of the area of operations.

No fewer than 150 ships and 500 planes will take part in the manoeuvres whose scene will be the greater part of the Pacific Ocean. The correspondent draws attention to the "unprecedented fact" that the United States Fleet will come to within 600 miles from Japanese waters during the manoeuvres early next year.

Although the actual manoeuvres will be held between March 14 and April 20, large scale exercises will begin a considerable time before the official opening date of the manoeuvres.

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### VOROSHILOV TO VISIT FAR EAST

Moscow, Dec. 23: The Defence Commissar, Voroshilov, will, it is reliably stated, shortly make a tour of inspection in the Far East on which he will be accompanied by the Chief of the General Staff, Shaposhnikov and the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Navy, Viskov. It is further stated that the tour had been planned some twelve months ago but it was twice postponed, firstly, in consequence of Marshal Tukachevsky's "conspiracy" and afterwards in view of the campaign for preparing elections to the Council of the Union and the Council of Nationalists. Voroshilov will be present at the winter manoeuvres of the Far Eastern army and will also inspect the Soviet fleet in the Pacific Ocean as well as fortifications now in course of construction along Russia's Pacific coast.

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## MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

### Detective On Trial

Preliminary hearing of the manslaughter charge against Chan Chun, probationary detective stationed at the Shamshulpo Police Station began yesterday before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Police Court.

The charge was a sequel to an inquest on a man, named Chan Sun, who died on August 31. It will be recalled that Chan Sun died following an alleged assault which was stated to have taken place at the Police Station during the course of investigations concerning the theft of a sewing machine.

Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution assisted by Detective Inspector A. E. Carey. Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the defence.

Mr. Whyatt said that early on the morning of August 31, a tailor, Chan Fat, residing at No. 390, Castle Peak Road, discovered the loss of a sewing machine. Chan Fat mentioned this to a relative who in turn informed his clansman, district watchman No. 38. The watchman made investigations and together with a man, Tse Sung, whom the police failed to trace, located the deceased. Another man, Wong Lap, was also found, and was suspected to have committed the theft.

During the course of investigations, it was alleged that the district watchman assaulted deceased with a truncheon.

About 5 p.m. the two alleged suspects were taken to the Shamshulpo Police Station and Det. Sgt. Nolan and defendant, were detailed to take over investigations by Sub-Inspector Hynes. Deceased and Wong Lap were taken into a small room separately and questioned.

### ALLEGED ASSAULT

The investigations took about two hours and about 7 p.m. Det. Nolan was satisfied that neither Chan Sun nor Wong Lap had anything to do with the theft. Nevertheless the two men were detained for another two and half hours in the hope that they might know something about the larceny.

Mr. Whyatt said that certain witnesses would say that defendant had assaulted deceased, though they would be unable to confine themselves to saying exactly to which parts of the body the blows were alleged to have been delivered.

After the alleged assault, deceased appeared faint and his tongue protruded. Defendant became so frightened that he rendered aid to deceased.

Dr. Yeo Kok-cheung, then medical officer-in-charge of the Kowloon Public Mortuary, testified yesterday that deceased died from rupture of the spleen. The seventh, eighth and ninth ribs on the left side of the body were fractured and there was a bruise in this region.

The hearing was adjourned till December 28 at 2.30 p.m.

## WAH YAN COLLEGE PRIZE DAY

### H.E. The Governor On Local Examination

The annual prize-day of Wah Yan College was held in the Queen's Theatre yesterday, when a satisfactory year was reported. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who was attended by his A.D.C., Capt. Batty-Smith, gave away the awards. His Lordship the Bishop was also present and the theatre was packed with boys, their relatives and friends and visitors.

In his report, the Rev. Father D. Donnelly, S.J., M.S., Prefect of Studies, dwelt at length on the merits of various examination systems and in his address His Excellency revealed that he was giving the matter his personal attention and would confer with Mr. G. R. Sayer, Director of Education, as soon as that gentleman returned from leave.

Before the prize-distribution the College Dramatic Society presented a Chinese play and J. Chan executed a violin solo. Both were very well done and were warmly received. After His Excellency's departure, Shakespeare's Macbeth was put on the stage by the Dramatic Society.

### SCHOOL REPORT

The Rev. Father Donnelly said:—Your Excellency, My Lord Bishop, Very Rev. Fr. Rector, Rev. Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen.—It is almost embarrassing, in times of crisis like the present, to read an annual report which deals with things so apparently trivial as the details of the life of a school. Yet to one who looks beyond the surface, to one whose vision and whose patience reach our into the future, these minutes are of very real and of very great importance.

The college now counts an enrolment of over 900 boys. We have stretched our accommodation to its very utmost, using all possible space as spare class-rooms, in order to provide for as many as possible of the unhappy refugees, who came to us in such numbers seeking admission; none the less, we have been forced to turn away some hundreds of students. The new boys are, in some cases, inevitably, weaker at English than our own boys; but they are a gentlemanly and industrious group of students, and we hope that, in the years to

come, they will look back with pleasure on the time spent under the aegis of Wah Yan.

### EXAMINATIONS QUESTION

To deal now with the two public examinations held in the summer of 1937. For the Class 1 examination run by the Hong Kong University, Wah Yan presented 35 candidates, of whom 28 passed with 14 Distinctions, giving the exceptionally high percentage of 80 per cent. of the 28, 14 got Matriculation, 2 with Honours.

Since last year's Prize Day, the new Class 2 examination, the School Certificate Examination, has been held for the first time in this examination also, Wah Yan did exceedingly well. 70 candidates were presented, of whom 50 passed, 5 with Honours; 9 Distinctions were obtained.

In future years, certain changes in the requirements for this examination will be introduced, at the desire of the schools concerned. The Board in Control of this examination has accepted the courses proposed by the Hong Kong Teachers' Association in Arithmetic and Biblical Knowledge, and has asked the Hong Kong Teachers' Association to submit suitable courses in all other subjects except Chinese. This is a very big step in the direction, now generally accepted at the right direction, of

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### SENT TO THE SESSIONS

Kwan Tong, alias Kwan Po 21, was yesterday committed by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy to stand his trial at the January Criminal Sessions on a charge of seriously wounding one, Lo Kam-yuen. Hearing began on Tuesday, and yesterday, following further evidence by the prosecution, defendant elected to testify on his own behalf.

He said that on November 25, two days before the offence for which he is charged, he was in Stanley Street when complainant bumped into him. He and several others thereupon struck him and after the assault they followed him to Elgin Street where he was asked to join a club. On the evening of the 27th, he bought a hammer and when he saw complainant's gang running after him and was chased by several people, he struck the complainant.

## HANGING CLOTHES FROM BAMBOOS

### Dangerous Habit Which May Be Prohibited

A recommendation which, if adopted, would affect a long-established domestic habit of the poorer class Chinese, was made by a Coroner's jury at the Central Magistracy yesterday at the conclusion of the inquiry into the death of a Chinese woman named Lau Tai, who died at the Queen Mary Hospital on December 4 following a fall from the second floor verandah of No. 213 Des Voeux Road West.

It was established during the course of the inquiry that the woman had fallen into the street through overbalancing while climbing on the balustrade in the verandah of the above address to arrange clothes for drying, and, in returning a verdict of accidental death, the jury added this rider: "We are of the opinion that the practice of hanging clothes on loose bamboo poles from verandahs is dangerous and should be prohibited. We suggest that some safer method be devised by the proper authority."

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest sat as Coroner and the jury members were Messrs. J. McCormack, foreman, C. E. Stewart and A. Hassan. Detective-Inspector M. Murphy represented the Police.

Cheung Cheung-king, widow, principal tenant at No. 218, Des

## RUSSIAN TO BE EXPELLED

### No Valid Passport Charge

Peter Vasilievich Berezovsky, 38-year-old White Russian, made two appearances before Mr. R. Edwards, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday. He was first brought up in the morning charged with entering the Colony without a valid passport.

Det. Sergeant Russell said that Berezovsky had come as a refugee from Hankow a few days ago. The police had asked him to return to Shanghai on December 25, but defendant refused.

Defendant had torn his clothing as a protest to being brought before the Court and before His Worship, further protested against his arrest, stating that he had a Chinese passport and that this was Chinese territory, and declaring that the local authorities had no right to arrest him.

A conviction was registered and an expulsion order made.

In the afternoon Berezovsky was again brought up and made various statements to His Worship. He alleged that he had been told in Hankow that he would not require a further passport in Hong Kong other than a naturalisation certificate. He stated he could not return to Shanghai because he considered White Russians were working to destroy China and, being a Chinese citizen he could not live with them. He had published a declaration warning the Chinese against White Russians, giving all the information about the work of General Semenov. He asked for his safety on landing in Shanghai to be guaranteed.

His Worship: I don't think anyone can guarantee that. Convicted and expulsion order made.

Point district not so long ago. He had also known of people getting hurt by bamboo poles, on which washing was hung, falling into the street.

The jury then retired for about 15 minutes and returned their verdict as above. The Coroner expressed his agreement with both verdict and rider.



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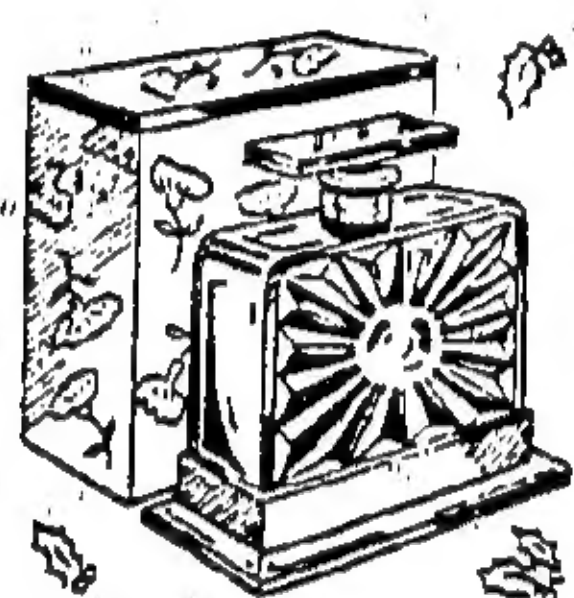


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Lovely Joan Fontaine, cast with Nino Martini in RKO Radio's "Music for Madame," is pictured here wearing one of Howard Hodge's latest creations for millady's head. The hat, of a vagabond sports type, is fashioned from a very fine black felt and trimmed with a black and white polka dot ribbon which hangs in streamers down the back. Miss Fontaine effectively wears a matching black cravat with white polka dots.

**COVER IN SILK**  
Women whose families have grown past the nursery stage usually have one or two cot or pram pillows which can emerge again in this new sphere of usefulness. The existing pillow requires only an attractive cover of silk to match the bedspread. Following one "in stock," buy an ordinary pillow of the cheapest kind, and make it into two by pushing half the flock down to each end, running two rows of machine stitching across the centre, and cutting between them.

Next fix a hook to the headboard of the bed. Sew the ends of a piece of frilled elastic to the top corners of the neck pillow, and let the elastic be long enough to pass round the hook; and hold the pillow high above the ordinary ones. It will be out of the way while you are lying down, but you can easily pull it to fit behind your neck when you sit up, and you will find that the stretch of the elastic prevents the corners of the case from being torn.

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# Fashion PRE-VIEW

CLOTHES FOR CHRISTMAS  
HOUSE PARTIES

Fashions From Paris



Round The  
Shops

Parisians are now choosing the sports clothes and evening dresses which they will need for Christmas visits. Three-piece "ensembles" consisting of tailormade and overcoats to match are in fashion. Hand-knitted blouses of fine wool may be worn with these outfits for travelling, and tailor-made blouses of washing-silk in bright colours make suitable changes. The most strictly tailored "ensembles" depend upon contrasts of colour for their effects, and a loose green overcoat and skirt go with a tweed jacket striped in lighter green. A violet tailormade can be relieved by a strawberry-red blouse, and yellow and nigger-brown are always correct colours for the country. Instead of being severely tailored, some jackets close right up to the neck with rows of buttons and small Peter Pan collars, which have pointed or rounded corners. Jackets may be made without collars and fasten with rows of small metal clips. Quilting makes an unusual trimming for a model in beige woollen material and, while the sleeves and back are left plain, the fronts are broken with horizontal bands of stitching in an intricate design. Sometimes a neatly fitted waistcoat with long sleeves replaces the regular jacket, and then a blouse is superfluous and a scarf folded into the neckline is all that is required. Molyneux makes these waistcoats in soft suede to match his fabric skirts, and their backs and sleeves are hand-knitted in finely ribbed wool.

Colours may be introduced into sports clothes for the winter season. Coats have coloured linings to match jumpers and blouses. A black three-quarter length coat from Lelong has a black and yellow plaid lining of the same material as that used for the two-piece jumper dress which goes with it. Single pleats and olded fullness are correct in the fronts of walking skirts. The dresses in Heim's new collection have fullness set at the back of the skirt in two and three narrow box-pleats, while the coats to go with them are flared and fitted at the waist. Paquin's sports dresses show hip-line interest, and a brown and white checked dress with two rising points at the neck has a low line brought round from the back and curved down the front into a broad folded panel. Fastenings upon simple day dresses serve as trimmings and may be set in unusual positions. A brown sports frock buttons down the left side seam with big, flat buttons to match. Shoulders are buttoned upon one or both sides and there are many back openings held with zip-fastenings.

## TEA GOWNS

Suitable materials for afternoon dresses for the festive season are velvet, satin, and the more discreet brocades. The tea-gown and informal house gown are coming into fashion again. Schiaparelli's tea-gown of vivid pink crepe has a

## JEWELLED EMBROIDERIES

Heavily embroidered jackets are correct with dinner and dancing dresses. An extra short bolero, a mere cape-collared with sleeves, is entirely studded with big, dull black sequins. A green velvet jacket is embroidered with a relief design in gold thread and cabochons which look more like the work of a jeweller than a dressmaker. Christmas is Schiaparelli's bolero of tinsel dyed in bands of soft rainbow colours. There are long evening cloaks with shoulder embroideries of metal thread worked in angel wings and a three-quarter length evening coat with a stiffened hem standing out all round.

Satin evening dresses are draped on statuesque lines. Amber-yellow, aquamarine-blue and sugar-pink are good colours. A blue satin dress from Robert Piguet is draped in long, straight lines from the neck with a narrow band holding the fullness into the waist. A yellow dress has a gathered flounce round the hem-line, which is rounded up to show the feet in front, while the bodice of a dove-grey satin dress is shirred. Dresses for dancing have full skirts made of tulle and chiffon. The bodice lines show either high corselet effects or long slim tunics. A pink chiffon dress with a jumper bodice may have panels of material falling from the shoulders, and a yellow chiffon dress can be worn with pale salmon-pink accessories. Tulle skirts are worn over short underslips, which may be edged with bands of vivid ribbon. Evening dresses embroidered with sequins have been ordered for Christmas and a black net dress with a short underslip looks well with squares of silver sequins worked round the top of the skirt.

## CHECKED FLANNEL

Long speckled tweed coats and skirts to match are in fashion. Usually they are worn with blouses in the darkest colour of the tweed. Thus a brown and white tweed calls for a brown blouse and a black blouse may go with black and white "ensemble." Dark blouses and jumpers are now in fashion, and a string of pearls is usually added to relieve the severe line at the neck. Finely checked blouses in light woollen materials are correct with dark "ensembles." Green, white and brown checks go with a brown tailor-made and brown and cream checked flannel makes a blouse to wear with an all-pleated brown skirt and a fitted bolero-jacket.



dinner "ensembles" comprise sleeveless dresses and matching boleros or three-quarter length wraps. A putty-coloured dress with a high waist-line and draped bodice in plain black has a light coat with black revers. Black lace and chiffon are worked together in dinner dresses and knots of coloured flowers are right for trimmings.

long skirt and high waist-line into which the drapery shortening the skirt is gathered in a flat bow. Slimly fitted velvet pyjamas are made to wear with richly embroidered jackets and boleros. Very seasonable is a wistaria-mauve pyjama "ensemble" with tiny glass Christmas-tree candles as buttons. Other appropriate afternoon dresses for Christmas receptions are trimmed with rows of round buttons coloured to look like tree decorations, with gilt and enamelled cupid clips or with hands holding red roses. Similar ornaments are worn with evening dress and dinner frock which have modest necklines and long sleeves to make them most suitable for country-house wear. The long-sleeved dinner dress lends itself well to the neck-lines which are cut in low squares in front, or opened wide across the shoulders in the Victoria manner. Mainbocher's fringed dresses are right to any occasion. They may be white or pale blue and are fringed all over in short looped layers instead of in long panels as former models were worked. Facecloth

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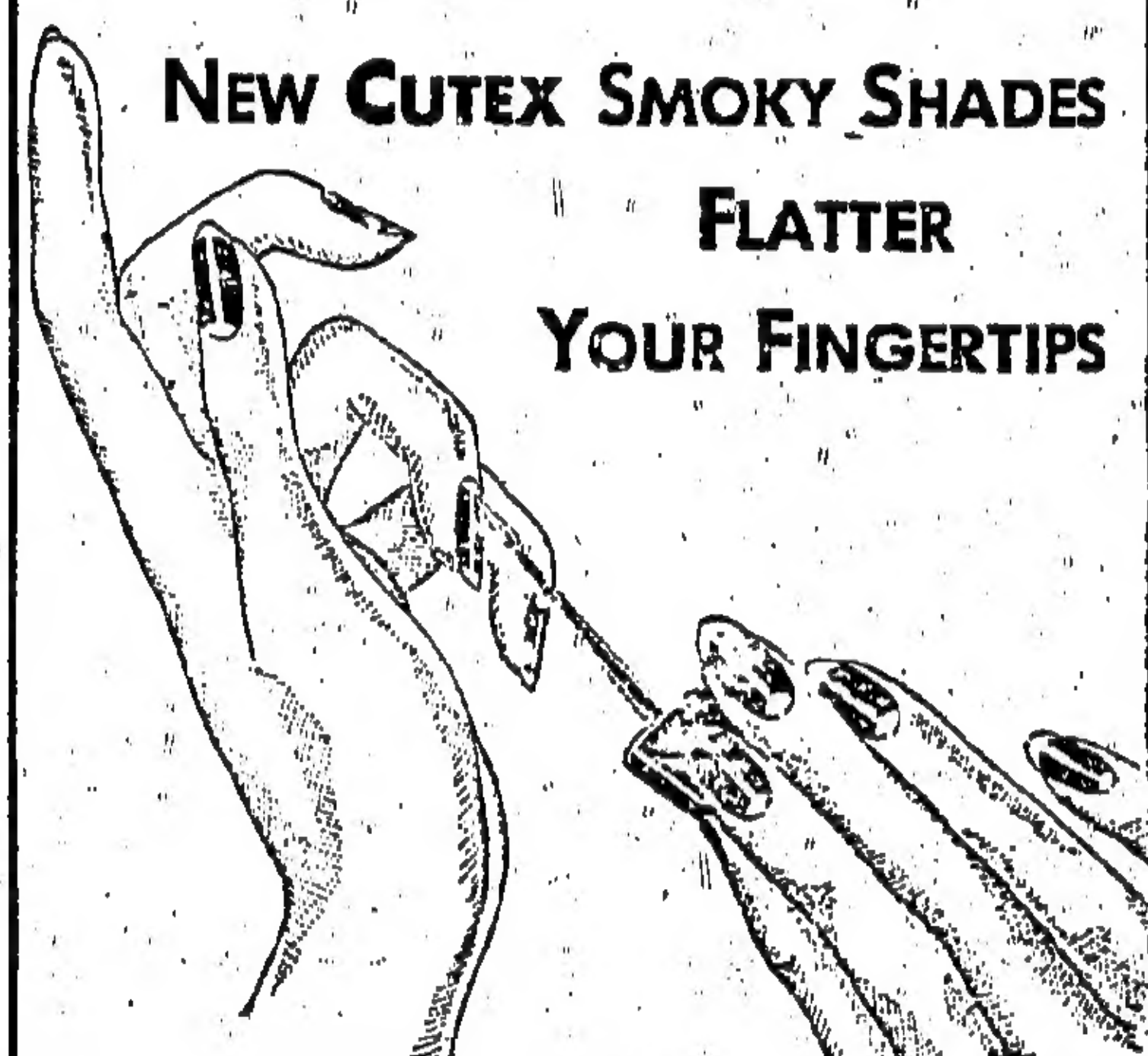
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RELAY—CAROLS FROM KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL CAMBRIDGE

Rev. C. B. R. Sargent.  
12.12.37 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.30 p.m. Musical Comedy Selections.

Mercenary Mary, Vocal Gems (Caesar, Meyer, Hirsch and Youmans)—Columbia Vocal Gem Chorus; No. No. Nanette—Selection (Youmans), 'Show of Shows'—Selection—New Mayfair Orchestra with Edward O'Hery (Organ).  
12.48 p.m. Gerry Moore at the Piano.

Jammin—Quickstep (film 'Turn off the Moon'); Sweet Heartache—Slow Fox-Trot (film 'The Hit Parade'); With All My Heart—Fox-Trot (film 'Her Master's Voice'); Taggin' Along With You—Quick-Step (Kurtz-White-Mills).  
1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Marek Weber and His Orchestra.

Tosca—Selection (Puccini); Entry Of The Spring Flowers (Kockert); You Shall Be The King Of My Heart (Stolz); Japanese Lantern Dance (Yoshitomo); Chinese Street Serenade (Siede); Leo Fall—Porpourri (arr. Dostal).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Variety.  
Vocal—Do The Runaround (film 'She shall have music'); My First Thrill (film 'She shall have music'); June Clyde (Soprano); Orchestra—Moss Rose, Waltz (Boes); The Bohemians with Vocal Effects; Vocal Duets—All Because Of You (Low, Clarke, Browning and Starr); Let's Go Ballyhoo (Browning, Starr and rucks)—Browning and Starr; Orchestra w. Vocal—Soft Lights and Sweet Music; Vocal—Show Boat—Bill (Wodehouse and Kern)—Marie Burke (Soprano); Orchestra—Carmen Caprice (Bizet—arr. Debroy Somers), Faust Frolies (Gounod—arr. Debroy Somers)—Debroy Somers Band.  
2.15 p.m. Close down.

4-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.  
7 p.m. Dance Music.

Fox-trots—That Song In My Heart (film 'Gang Show') With A Twinkle In Your Eye (film 'Gang Show')—Jack Hyton and His Orchestra; Tango—Venetian Moon (film 'Invitation To The Waltz'); Fox-Trot—No Other One—Little Jack and His Orchestra; Carelessly, Where Are You? (film 'Top of the Town')—Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—It's A Sin To Tell A Lie; Waltz—Music In May (from 'Careless Rapture')—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trots—Take Another Guess; The Rhythm's O. K. In Harlem—Teddy Foster and His Kings Of Swing.  
7.30 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.  
7.40 p.m. Studio—A Christmas Song Recital by Mrs. Sanger (Soprano).  
8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m. Studio—Debussy Recital by A. T. Lay (Piano).  
1. Suite Bergamasque, Prelude, Clair de Lune; 2. Preludes, La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin, La Cathedrale Engloutie; 3. 2me Arabesque.  
8.27 p.m. Two Songs by Georges Thill (Tenor).  
Sapho—Air De Jean (Massenet), Ah! qu'il est loin mon pays! Enlèvement (Bordese and Levande).  
8.36 p.m. Die Meistersinger—Overture (Wagner).  
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
8.40 p.m. Studio—Rev. C. B. R. Sargent: 24th series of Opera—Outstanding Operatic Records of 1937.  
9.30 p.m. London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m. Studio—A version of Charles Dickens' well known story 'A Christmas Carol'.  
10.15 p.m. London Relay—Variety. Including George Hirste, comedian, Gipsy Nina with her accordion and Jack and Eddie Eden, Australian entertainers.  
10.45 p.m. London Relay—I Remember.  
Presented by Percy Edgar with Marjorie Westbury (Soprano), Webster Booth (Tenor), Harold Casey (Baritone), The B.B.C. Midland Singers, The B.B.C. Midland Revue Chorus conducted by Edgar Morgan and The B.B.C. Midland Orchestra led by Ernest Element conducted by Reginald Burston.  
11.15 p.m. London Relay—A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. In King's College Chapel, Cambridge, upon Christmas Eve, 1937.  
12 midnight: Close down.

DAVENTRY

Call letters: Wavelengths  
G.S.G. 17.79m.c. (16.88m.)  
G.S.O. 15.18m.c. (19.78m.)  
G.S.B. 9.51m.c. (31.55m.)  
G.S.H. 21.47m.c. (13.97m.)  
G.S.F. 15.14m.c. (19.82m.)  
Trans. I (G.S.O., G.S.G., G.S.B.)

4.15 p.m.—Big Ben. 'Welcome Yule.' A programme written by David Kean. Production by William MacLurg. 5 p.m.—'As I See It'—A talk by H. G. Wells. 5.15 p.m.—Recital by Daisy Kennedy (Australian Violinist). 5.35 p.m.—The News and Announcements. 5.55 p.m.—'At the Black Dog.' Mr. Wilkes at home in his own parlour. 6.25 p.m.—Close down.

Trans. II (G.S.O., G.S.G., G.S.B.).  
6.45 p.m.—Big Ben. Jack Payne's Party. 7.45 p.m.—'London Streets this Christmas-time.' A talk by John C. Maude. 7.50 p.m.—Peter Dawson, with the BBC Male Voice Chorus and the BBC Theatre Orchestra (leader, Tate Glider); conductor, Stanford Robinson. 8.30 p.m.—Henry Hall and his Dance Orchestra. 9.10 p.m.—'Gower Reel.' Forty songs a side on no instrument playing. Phil Tanner. 9.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. 9.55 p.m.—Close down.

Trans. III G.S.O., G.S.G., G.S.B.).  
10.15 p.m.—Big Ben. Variety. Including George Hirste (Comedian), Gipsy Nina with her accordion, and Jack and Eddie Eden (Australian Entertainers). 10.45 p.m.—'I Remember,' presented by Percy Edgar. With Marjorie Westbury (Soprano); Webster Booth (Tenor); Harold Casey (Baritone); and the BBC Midland Singers (conductor, Edgar Morgan); and the BBC Midland Orchestra (led by Ernest Element; conducted by Reginald Burston). 11.25 p.m.—A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. In King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Upon Christmas Eve, 1937. 12 p.m.—The News and Announcements. 12.20 p.m.—'Oliver Twist' (Part II). A drama drawn from the work of Charles Dickens, by J. Comyns Carr. Revised for broadcasting in two parts and produced by Howard Rose. 1 a.m.—Close down.

AUSTRALIA

3L.R.—Wavelength, 31.34 metres; Power, 1 Kilowatt; Frequency, 9.58 megacycles.

12.35 p.m. 'At Home and Abroad'—'The Watchman.' 12.50 p.m. Musical Interlude. 1 p.m. Time Signal. Victorian News Bulletin. 1.5 p.m. Interstate Weather Notes, etc. 1.15 p.m. Stock Exchange report. 1.20 p.m. Musical Programme. 3.30 p.m. Description of the Sheffield Shield cricket match, Victoria v. New South Wales, interspersed with a programme of musical items. 5.15 p.m. Close. 6.30 p.m. Chimes. Fifteen Minutes of Popular Music. 6.45 p.m. Sporting News and Notes. 7 p.m. Chimes. 'Current Books Worth Reading.' 7.20 p.m. National News Bulletin. 7.30 p.m. Queensland and North Australian News Bulletin. 7.40 p.m. News, markets and weather for North Australia. 8 p.m. Harry Bloom's Tango Band. 8.30 p.m. Brass Band Recital. 9 p.m. 'Christmas In Other Lands.' 10 p.m. The National Dance Orchestra, conducted by Al. Hammett. 10.30 Australian News Service. 10.50 p.m. Dance Music. 11.40 p.m. Christmas Carols, by the A.B.C. (Melbourne) Wireless Chorus. 1.20 p.m. Close.

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13.30 Stock Reports.  
13.40 'Spiritual Trends': Wood-brokers.  
14.00 Concert.  
14.30 Weekly review by Mr. L. Aletino.  
14.50 Daily News Bulletin.  
15.00 Close down and national anthem.

PARIS

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Wavelength: 19.68 metres T P A 2.  
Wavelength: 25.24 metres T P A 3.  
Wavelength: 25.60 metres T P A 4.  
Wavelength: 25.24 m.—11.885 Kc.

7 a.m. Radio-Journal of France (French News). 7.20 a.m. Gramophone Records. 8.15 Talk on French Events. 8.30 a.m. Leading Press Articles. 8.45 a.m. Gramophone Records. 9 a.m. News in French. 9.30 a.m. Gramophone Records. 9.40 a.m. News in English. 9.50 a.m. News in Italian. 10 a.m. Close Down.

Wavelength: 19.68 m.—15.243 Kc.  
11 a.m. Gramophone Records. 11.45 a.m. Talk on Current French Events in Rumanian, by Mme. Nortines. 12 noon. News in English. 12.15 p.m. Concert. Relay. 12.45 p.m. Talk on French Events. 1 p.m. Concert Relayed from Paris-P.T.T. 1.30 p.m. News in French. Colonial Market Prices. 2 p.m. Literary Talk by Mr. Pierre Descaves. 2.10 p.m. Events of the Moment. 2.20 p.m. Gramophone Records. 2.30 p.m. The Ant and the Grasshopper, Operetta by Audran. Lyrics by Duro and Chivot. 3.55 p.m. Rates of Exchange and French Stock (Renties). 4 p.m. Close Down.

Wavelength: 25.24 m.—11.885 Kc.  
5.15 p.m. News in French, Market Prices. Rates of Exchange. 5.45 p.m. News in Arabic. 6 p.m. Concert Relayed from Lyons. 3.30 p.m. Concert Relayed from Paris-P.T.T. 6.50 p.m. Science and Man by Mr. Luc Durtain. 7 p.m. Relay of Radio-Journal of France (French News). 7.30 p.m. News in French. Rates of Exchange. 8.10 p.m. News in English. 8.20 p.m. News in Italian. 8.30 p.m. Relay. 10.30 p.m. Colonial Market Prices. 10.45 p.m. News in Portuguese. 11 p.m. Close Down.

Wavelength: 25.60 m.—11.720 Kc.  
11.15 p.m. Concert Relayed from Radio-Paris. 12.15 a.m. News in French, Market Prices. Rates of Exchange. 12.40 a.m. News in Spanish. 12.50 a.m. News in Portuguese. 1 a.m. Gramophone Records. 1.15 a.m. Close Down. 3 a.m. Gramophone Records. 4 a.m. News in French, Market Prices, Rates of Exchange. 4.30 a.m. English. 4.45 Gramophone Records. 5.45 a.m. News in German. 6 a.m. Close Down.

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WOMAN'S FRIVOLOUS CHARGE

Kissed Against Will

Holding that the charge was frivolous, the magistrates at Market Bosworth, Leics., recently dismissed a case in which George Elverstone, of Desford, president of the Leicestershire Miners' Association, chairman of Desford Council, and a member of Market Bosworth Council, was accused of kissing a married woman against her will.  
Mr. Elverstone appeared on an allegation of common assault.  
Mrs. Hilda Finne, of Desford, stated that on three occasions Mr. Elverstone called at her house for various reasons. On the first, she said, he asked her to kiss him, but she refused, some days later he kissed her against her will.  
On another visit he caught hold of her, but she would not let him kiss her. 'I had to lock the door because I was afraid of him,' she added.  
Mr. Elverstone denied that he had kissed Mrs. Finne, that no charge hold of her hand or that any familiarity took place.

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A total of 250,000 passengers carried by the Heracles Class of Imperial Airways liners was completed on Dec. 9 on the 12.30 p.m. service from Croydon to Le Bourget. The passenger who made up the total was a young American woman who had already made 30 trips between London and Paris. She and her fellow passengers, who travelled in the liner Horatius, were given a special luncheon by way of celebration, and the aeroplane itself was given samples of all the kinds of weather it has endured on the European runs during the five years in which it and its three companions have been building up their big record of passenger carrying and safe operation, says the 'Times.'

The Horatius started from Croydon in low cloud with orders to fly at 2,000ft. Finding that the cloud was beginning to form, Captain J. Yocell asked by wireless for permission to come down below the clouds, and obtaining it, descended to 1,000ft., at which height he began to cross the Channel. A 'cold front' towering in mid-Channel above the height to which Horatius might climb poured its rain and then drove snow squalls upon us. And when that was done there were still ragged clouds for us. A word with the Scylla, homeward bound, assured us then that clear weather was to be found at 7,000ft., and the position of Scylla at that time showed that we might count on a quarter of an hour for climbing through the clouds before we should meet her.

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MR. MONTAGU NORMAN

Bank Governor For 19th Year

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England is to recommend to the Proprietors that Mr. Montagu Norman, the present Governor, be re-elected Governor for the ensuing year.

Mr. Basil Gage Catterns, the present Deputy Governor, is also to be recommended for re-election. Mr. Norman, who is 66, was first elected Governor of the Bank in 1920, and is now in his 18th year of office.

Mr. Catterns became Deputy-Governor last year, having been Director since 1934. He was previously chief cashier.

GOVERNOR OF THE 'RIOT ISLE'

Sir Murchison Fletcher, Governor of the 'Riot Isle,' Trinidad, is to go to London to see the Colonial Secretary in connection with the recent disturbances there.  
Mr. Ormsby-Gore wishes to discuss with him certain questions arising from the report of the Commission of Inquiry which is to be published shortly.  
'Trouble broke out in Trinidad five months ago, when oilworkers struck for more pay and better conditions.'

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TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW



SUNDAY 20th C. Fox Picture  
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### MR. DODD TAKES THE AIR

"Mr. Dodd Takes the Air," a picture which combines several unusually appealing features, is scheduled to show at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

Kenny Baker, of course, plays Dodd. He sings five tuneful melodies written by the highly successful composing team of Harry Warren and Al Dubin.

Kenny is surrounded by a high-class comedy cast, for his movie debut. The always delightful Alice Brady plays a goofy opera singer who pursues him with matrimony in mind. Frank McHugh is his audacious and somewhat nutty press agent. Gertrude Michael is a vamp who has mercenary ambitions toward Kenny. His real romantic interest is Jane Wyman, pretty little starlet who

is going places in the movies, and is being groomed for stardom by her studio. Henry O'Neill, Ferris Taylor and Harry Davenport add to the melée.

Alfred E. Green, long famed as a comedy director, guided the making of "Mr. Dodd Takes the Air," which was adapted from the Kelland novel by William Wister Haines and Elaine Ryan.

### MARQUESS OF LOTHIAN

The Marquess of Lothian has accepted nomination as a candidate for the Chancellorship of Edinburgh University in succession to the late Sir James Barrie.

Lord Lothian, a Liberal, was Under-Secretary for India, but in 1932, after the Ottawa agreement, he resigned from the Government.

### TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—  
"All Baba Goes To Town"  
QUEEN'S:—  
"Mr. Dodd Takes The Air"  
ORIENTAL:—  
"Captains Courageous"

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—  
"The Man Who Cried Wolf"  
STAR:—  
"Morocco"  
MAJESTIC:—  
"Suzy"

Coming

KING'S:—  
"King Solomon's Mines"  
QUEEN'S:—  
"Varsity Show"  
ORIENTAL:—  
"God's Country And The Woman"

ALHAMBRA:—  
"Make A Wish"  
STAR:—  
"Seventh Heaven"  
MAJESTIC:—  
"Vogues of 1938"

### ALI BABA GOES TO TOWN

Eddie Cantor's first picture for Twentieth Century-Fox is the grandest, most extra-glorious hit on earth! "Ali Baba Goes to Town," mirth-musical starring the fun-king of screen and radio opens at the King's Theatre to-day, with Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang and Louise Hovick heading a star-crowded cast of entertainers.

United for the first time with the hit-makers of "You Can't Have Everything," "Thin Ice," "Wake Up and Live" and other triumphs.

Loaded with gags and girls, swing and things, "Ali Baba Goes to Town" is a surprising grab-Bag of hi-de-highlights. To name a few of the thousand-and-one-delights, there's Eddie aboard the Magic Carpet; the harem's Sultana, Louise Hovick, making love to roving-eyed Eddie; the sumptuous banquet with Eddie as master of ceremonies; countless hisses under the desert moon as Tony sings to June; the fable gorgeousness of Bagdad; and elaborate dance ensembles in which Eddie, the Pether sisters, Jeni Le Gon, and hundreds of lush harem beauties and original darlings perform in riotous, rhythmic routines, while Raymond Scott and his famous Quintets play his own composition "Twilight in Turkey."

SUZY

Franchot Tone takes to the air for his third role opposite Jean Harlow, this time in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Suzy," showing at the Majestic Theatre.

"Suzy" is from Herbert Gorman's gripping novel of an American girl caught in the intriguing web of the spy system, during the World War and to complicate her plight, finds herself married to two famous aviators at the same time.

Tone, who has appeared with Miss Harlow in "Blonde Bombshell" and "Reckless," portrays one of the husbands.

The tense drama skips from London to Paris to Cannes to the advanced aviation bases on the Western Front and offers Tone his finest screen portrayal since "Mutiny on the Bounty."

### THE MAN WHO CRIED WOLF

Seething with tense mystery and powerful emotional conflict, Universal's production, "The Man Who Cried Wolf" showing at the Alhambra Theatre to-day, featuring Lewis Stone, Barbara Read and Tom Brown.

"The Man Who Cried Wolf" is a drama that no audience will ever forget. It presents problems everyone will want to solve. Why does Stone, as the stage star in the narrative, confess a series of murders which he knows nothing about? How does he build a perfect alibi to protect himself when he kills the man who stole his wife? How does he save his son, whose life is in jeopardy for the crime he did not commit?

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### 300 REFUGEES FROM HANKOW

Christmas Express Leaves Hankow

Hankow, Dec. 23. Preparations for the departure to-day of the "Christmas Express," which will evacuate more than 300 foreign nationals to Hong Kong have been completed.

The booking of passages opened yesterday morning at the Canton-Hankow Railways booking office on the hulk off the ex-German concession which was jammed by a large crowd waiting to secure passages. Many waited for more than two hours in lines 5 to 6 deep. The time of departure of the train is fixed for nine o'clock this morning and the railway authorities hope to arrange to have the train switched along the loop line to Kowloon without touching Canton.

The total capacity of the train is 324 passengers and there is every reason to believe it will be filled when it leaves. The majority of the passengers are leaving most of their belongings behind because only a limited amount of baggage is allowed. Among the passengers are several Russian taxi dancers from Hankow's cabarets who are eager to go to Shanghai and have obtained transit visas from the British authorities in order to pass through Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, it is hoped, another train will be arranged during Christmas week, although at present the possibility is fairly remote.

### NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE AGREE

London, Dec. 22. The Non-Intervention Sub-Committee had under further consideration to-day the mandate to be given to commissions to be sent to Spain to supervise the withdrawal of foreign volunteers, and agreed upon all outstanding points in regard thereto. It then turned to the consideration of a plan relating to the grant of belligerent rights to the two parties in Spain, and agreed upon the manner in which questions still outstanding should be dealt with. After authorising expenditure necessary for the beginning of investigation of the complicated administration in connexion with the withdrawal of volunteers, the Sub-Committee discussed the further composition of commissions to be sent to Spain and agreed without prejudice to the exact form to be given the commissions and that representatives on the Sub-Committee should start informal discussions in regard to the composition of the commissions.

### NEW FRENCH AMBASSADOR

Paris, Dec. 23. It is now confirmed that the French Cabinet intends to appoint Comte Duynel de St. Quentin as French Ambassador to Washington. He had been named for the post in Rome but was prevented from taking up the position owing to the French refusal to recognise the King of Italy as Emperor of Abyssinia.

### THE FISHERIES CONVENTION

Soviet Extends Rights To Japan

Moscow, Dec. 22: The Soviet have decided to extend for one year the Fisheries Convention with Japan, due to expire at the end of this year, according to the Tass Agency. Japan requested the Soviet to prolong the agreement for a year in view of the fact that negotiations for the conclusion of a new convention, begun in 1935, had not yet led to an agreement.

### DRIVE ON TERUEL CONTINUED

Later, Dec. 22. Government troops are continuing their drive on Teruel which is expected to be completely occupied very soon. If Teruel falls it will be the nearest Loyalist town to the Mediterranean.

Observers stated that Teruel was intended to be the starting point of the Insurgent drive against the Government in order to separate Catalonia from the next Government territory.

### DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

Anniversaries and Holidays.— Vasco da Gama died, 1524. Matthew Arnold born, 1822. Christmas Eve.

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).  
Entertainments.—Y. M. C. A. Christmas Pantomime "Robinson Crusoe," 9 p.m.; and Matinee, 5 p.m.

Malls.—(See Page 16).  
Meetings.—Kowloon Chess Club, at St. Andrew's Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.—Exhibition of Chinese Watercolour paintings at China Building, 8th floor 10 a.m.—7 p.m.

Moon.—Last Quarter, 10.20 p.m. XI Moon 22nd Day.

Religions.—Midnight Masses in all Catholic Churches.

Social.—Cheero Club Duplicate Bridge, 8 p.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10).  
Sunrise.—7 a.m. Sunset.—5.45 p.m.

Tides.—High at 01.27 and 15.24. Low at 08.09 and 20.06.

SATURDAY DEC. 25

Cinemas.—(See Page 5).  
Malls.—(See Page 16).

Moon.—XI Moon, 23rd Day.

Sports.—(See Page 10).  
Sunrise.—6.59 a.m. Sunset.—5.45 p.m.

Tides.—High at 00.30 and 14.32. Low at 07.28 and 18.40.

### SCOTS GUARDS FOR HONG KONG

Royal Welch Fusiliers Going To Sudan

London, Dec. 22. The troopship Dunera departed to-day from Southampton to carry out the normal troopship programme.

She will call at Malta, India ports and Hong Kong and will disembark the 1st Battalion, The Green Howards at Malta, from where it will take the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade to India.

The 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards from Bombay will go to Hong Kong in place of the 2nd Battalion the Royal Welch Fusiliers, who are a normal part of Hong Kong's garrison, but who are at present on temporary duty in Shanghai.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers at Shanghai will go to Port Sudan from where the 1st Battalion the Black Watch will embark for home on March 7.

### MARYSE HILSZ OVERDUE

Paris, Dec. 22. Anxiety is felt here for the French aviatrix, Maryse Hilsz, who is engaged in an attempt to break the record for the flight from Paris to Saigon. She is overdue at Allahabad after having set out from Karachi on Tuesday morning. The distance between the two cities is 800 miles.

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Later: News has been received that Maryse Hilsz, who was reported overdue at Allahabad on her flight from Paris to Indo-China, had arrived at Calcutta, where she took off at 8.30 G.M.T. to-day for Akyab, British Burma.

### JAPANESE PLANE WRECK FOUND

Nagoya, Dec. 22. While steaming to-day in the neighbourhood of the Suimoka Prefecture, the British steamer, Nanking, sighted the wreck of a Japanese naval plane. Rushing to the spot the vessel picked up a warrant officer who died of his injuries aboard after revealing that two other Japanese airmen were missing. Search for the missing aviators proved to be fruitless and it is feared they have drowned.

### CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

London, Dec. 22. The King and Queen and Queen Mary, with Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, travelled from London this afternoon to Sandringham, where the Royal Family will spend Christmas.

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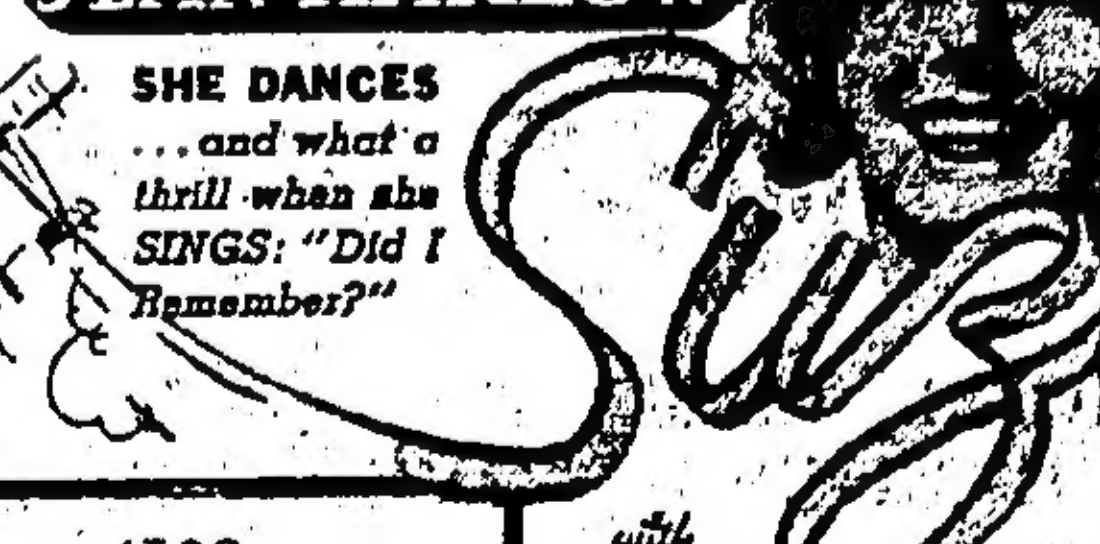
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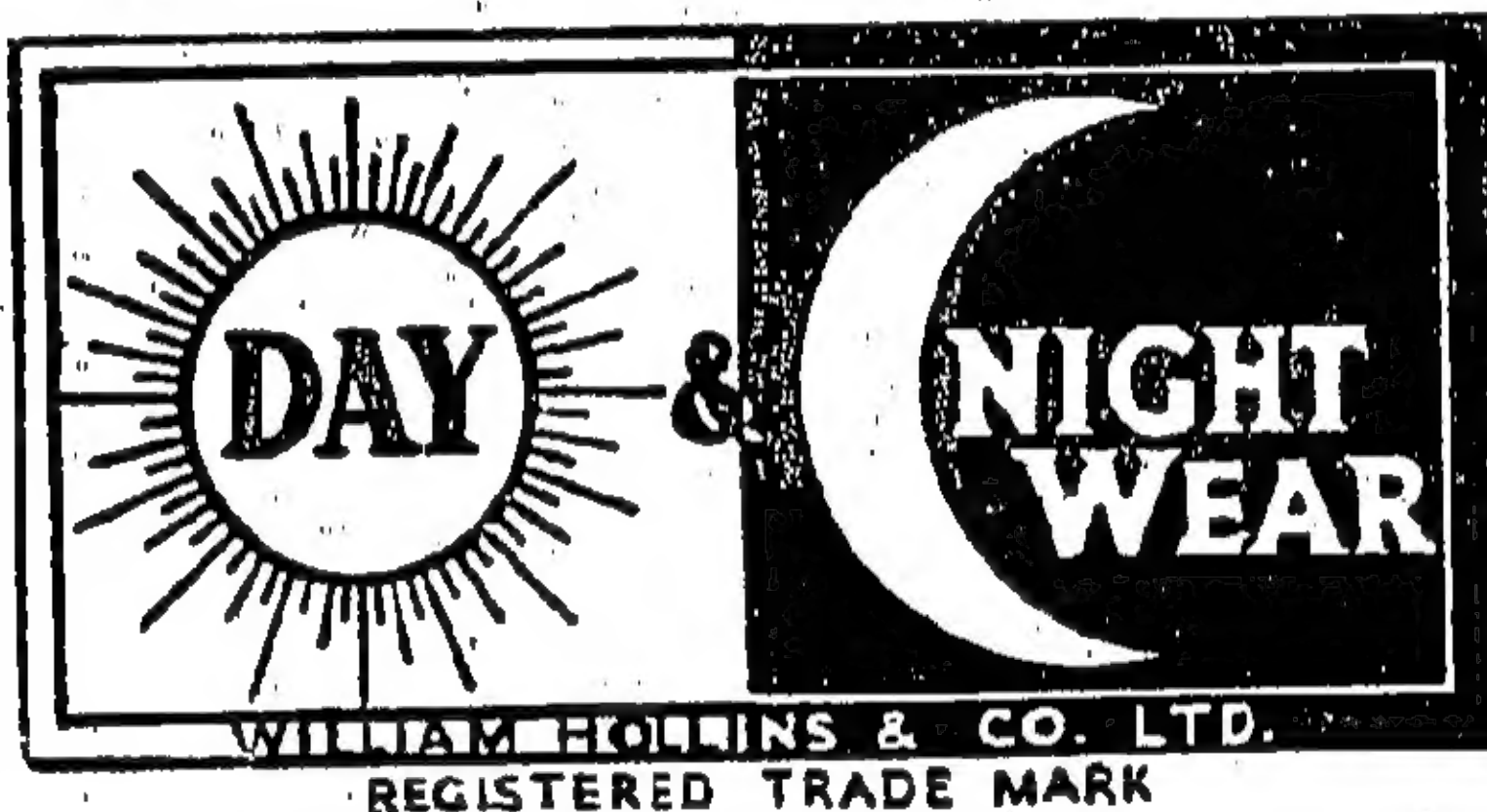
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## DRIVE BEGUN ON HANGCHOW

Mokanshan, Famous Resort, Occupied

Chinese Defence In Hands Of "Ironside's" General

Shanghai, Dec. 23: Smashing through the Chinese defence line in a long-heralded drive against Hangchow, Japanese troops claim they have occupied Mokanshan, the popular mountain resort 30 miles northwest of Hangchow. Japanese occupation of the resort followed several days' sustained attack against Tsingshan-shih, about 40 miles from Hangchow. The withdrawal of Chinese troops from that city enabled the Japanese units to proceed westward along a short road linking the Huchow-Hangchow highway. Foreboding Japanese attempts to make a quick push against Hangchow, Japanese forces operating along the highway are reported to be striking against Wukiang, strategic highway town northwest of Hangchow. At the same time other Japanese units are converging on Hangchow. One of these opened attack against Changan a railway town 18 miles from Hangchow.

The renewal of concerted Japanese operations in this sector followed the completion of extensive repairs along the railway. Japanese armoured trains are reported to have been used in a spearheading thrust along the railway. Other Japanese units are also driving towards Hangchow along the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway and the Grand Canal.

### 100,000 DEFENDERS

These forces, it is believed, will soon join forces in launching a general offensive against Hangchow.

The Chinese defence positions around Hangchow are understood to be exceptionally strong. Crack Divisions commanded by General Chang Fah-kwei have made extensive preparations to stem the Japanese offensive. According to Chinese reports, some 100,000 men are mobilised in the area and will take part in the defence of the Chekiang-Anhui sector.

Meanwhile, heavy fighting is reported near Changpaling, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 60 kilometres from Pukow. In a determined drive against Hsuechow, Japanese troops are stated to be throwing the main weight along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway sector. Chinese troops defending the railway area are reported to have completed work in erecting a new defence line near Pengpu.

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### TOWN SET ON FIRE

Hangchow, Dec. 23: Taichi, a small town on the Hangchow-Nanking highway northeast of Mokanshan, was burned to the ground following the occupation of the area by the Japanese troops yesterday, according to a telephone message relayed to Hangchow through Wukiang. Shortly after the Japanese entered the town they systematically set fire to the buildings, razing every structure within the town limits.

The Japanese have mounted a number of heavy field pieces at the bus station at Taichi as a precautionary measure against a counter-offensive by Chinese forces.

### MOBILE UNITS ACTIVE

Several hundred Japanese plain clothes men have appeared in a number of villages just back of Mokanshan, the famous Chekiang mountain resort. Chinese troops are being rushed to that area to round up the invaders.

The same report adds that furious fighting is in progress at Miaohsi, but details are not available at present.

Chinese mobile units operating over a scattered front in Chekiang are harassing the Japanese forces along the Nanking-Hangchow highway in the vicinity of Hsitsun, and Chingshan-shih. These forces have seriously handicapped the Japanese push towards Hangchow during the last two weeks.

Central News.

### JAPANESE MAKE SLOW PROGRESS

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

With the Chinese bitterly contesting the ground gained, the Japanese forces are making slow but steady progress in the drive to Hangchow.

While bitter fighting is raging at Changan a Japanese column is attacking Wukiang, while a third column is approaching Siao-feng, thirty-four miles to the west of Hangchow and the Chinese have laid charges of dynamite ready to

## JAPANESE TEAR DOWN U.S. FLAG

More Grave Incidents Reported From Wuhu

London, Dec. 23.

Two further Japanese-American incidents are reported here to have happened near Wuhu. Japanese soldiers are said to have pulled down the Stars and Stripes from a motor launch belonging to the American Hospital in Wuhu and to have thrown it into the Yangtze.

Furthermore, Japanese soldiers are reported to have entered and searched the Academy of Science in Wuhu and to have afterwards ordered the Chinese Director of the Academy, which is under American administration, to haul down the American flag from the roof of the building.

According to one account, the Japanese military commander in Wuhu has already apologised for both incidents. Considerable notice is taken in London of the fact that the Japanese Colonel who is in charge of the Wuhu sector at present is not the same one who was involved in the former incidents, and who has apparently been recalled.

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### NAVY OVERHAUL

Washington, Dec. 22.

Regarding continued reports in the newspapers of a naval display, it is reliably learned that the Navy at present is confining itself to putting the fleet into proper condition to meet whatever calls may be made upon it in the future.

Naval authorities state that the fleet at present is about 85 per cent. efficient, but many hulls need scraping before the fleet can make a lengthy cruise. Also there is the scarcity of fuel ships and supply ships which must be remedied before action such as is speculated upon by the newspapers could be undertaken.

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## ITALIAN BECOMES SPOKESMAN FOR GERMANY

Rome, Dec. 22.

The suggestion that France and Britain should return to Germany her former South African colonies is made in an article in the Popolo d'Italia, signed by the cousin of the King of Italy.

The article states that Germany, by destroying the Versailles Treaty and re-militarising the Rhine, has contributed towards the peace of Europe, as these acts indicate the strength of Germany and will prevent aggressive nations from attacking her.

The article added that if the French and British governments understood the necessity of such acts, they would return the colonies as a contribution towards the peace of Europe.

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blow up the railway bridge over the Chientang river.

Meanwhile a Japanese column advancing along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway has occupied Changpuling. A Japanese naval spokesman has announced that since the beginning of hostilities the Japanese have destroyed six hundred planes of which eighty were Soviet-made. Chinese circles say the figure is based on extravagant, if not fantastic, claims.

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### CHINESE PUSH ON WUHU

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

The big Chinese thrust on Wuhu, on the Hangchow front, has already led to severe fighting in that particular region, according to Chinese reports.

The Chinese army is reported to be 100,000 strong in this sector and is at present engaged in an attempt to take possession of the Japanese positions which are about 30 miles to the north-east.

Information has reached the Chinese military sources that the Japanese are preparing a counter-attack on this front, as ten Japanese transports are said to have arrived on the Yangtze, all laden with troops totalling some ten thousand.

Two Japanese divisions have been landed on the northern bank of the Yangtze, whilst big columns of Japanese troops are at present operating along the Imperial Canal north of Pukow. Domination of the Pukow-Hsuechow Railway as the preparation for the new drive against Shantung is said to be the goal of these military operations.

Transocean News Service.

## Tokyo's Reply Not Expected To Satisfy

Despatch Of British Reinforcements Likely

London, Dec. 23.

The despatch of considerable British reinforcements to Hong Kong and Singapore is regarded in political circles here as a foregone conclusion that the Japanese reply to the British Note will not come up to expectations.

Although no further official statements have been made with regard to the nature and outcome of the British Cabinet meetings on Wednesday, it is generally presumed that the question of the measures to be adopted in the event of an unsatisfactory reply from Tokyo, were discussed.

Transocean News Service.

### NO HONG KONG DANGER

London, Dec. 22.

The Cabinet sat for four and a half hours to-day and reviewed the whole Far Eastern situation. It is understood it took the view that there was no necessity for substantial naval reinforcement there, and it is believed any question involving the despatch of battleships and large cruisers would only arise as part of a concerted operation to meet some special emergency.

The Ministers did not appear perturbed at immediate prospects in Hong Kong.

While it has been necessary to send a Note to Japan with regard to the incident in Hong Kong territorial waters, when Japanese allegedly entered to seize a Chinese Customs cruiser, there appears to be no evidence at the present that Japan intends any deliberate infringement of that territory.

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### CAREFULLY WATCHED

London, Dec. 22.

At House of Commons' question time, Mr. Duff Cooper, the First Lord of the Admiralty, assured the House that Japanese naval movements in waters adjacent to Hong Kong were being carefully watched, but added, "I have no information on the subject I could usefully give to the House at the present time."

Possible extension of Japanese military hostilities to the province of Kwangtung was also the subject of a question addressed to the Foreign Secretary, who likewise assured the house that the situation was being carefully watched, and that all possible protection was being and would be afforded to British trade interests in South China.

British Wireless.

### BRITISH INDIGNATION

London, Dec. 23.

British indignation at the recent attacks on His Majesty's ships by Japanese naval airmen and military artillery in the Yangtze has not been perceptibly softened by the interesting variety of explanations offered by spokesmen of the Japanese services and their diplomatic colleagues, declares the "Daily Telegraph" in an editorial to-day.

Meanwhile it is fairly evident that the desire of the Japanese Army to avoid loss of "face" is seriously holding up the inquiries promised to both the British and American Governments following the outrages of December 12.

With the best will in the world it will be difficult to place much credence in the capacity of the Japanese Government to prevent future "incidents" if it cannot even inquire into the past.

After stating that the United States attitude is not being softened by time, the "Telegraph" adds: "As far as Britain is concerned the recent violation of territorial waters of Hong Kong makes an independent but aggravating fact. It is easier to regard this as an isolated error in judgment on the part of one Japanese officer than to pass over the Yangtze incidents on the same supposition. But it is essential it shall not be repeated."

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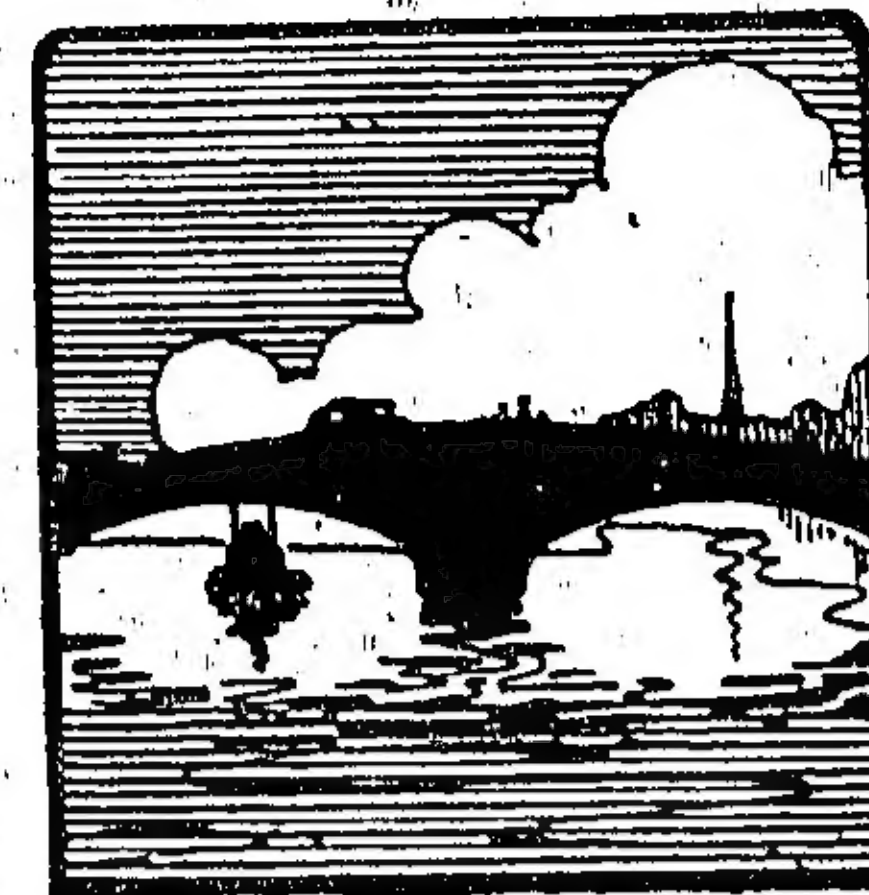
### ROOSEVELT HINTS OF BUDGET EXCESS

Washington, Dec. 22.

President Franklin Roosevelt in a letter to Mr. Wilburn Cartwright, Chairman of the House and Roads Committee, reaffirmed his intention with regard to Federal spending during the new fiscal year, and asserted that Congress and the Democratic Party "must accept full responsibility" if the President's budget estimates are exceeded.

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## THE SERVICES

### ROYAL NAVY

#### CHANGES AT THE ADMIRALTY

Commander J. G. Hewitt, from the command of the destroyer Winchester, joins the Plans Division of the Naval Staff to succeed Commander J. A. Giffard. The latter officer will remain in the Division for a few months on other duty. Commander R. E. F. McKenzie, D.S.C., joins the staff of the Director of Naval Equipment, in succession to Commander A. M. Bingham, who is to attend the 1938 course at the R.N. Staff College.

#### DESTROYERS FROM SPAIN

The 5th Destroyer Flotilla, consisting of vessels of the "E" class under Captain L. Vaughan Morgan, C.B.E., M.V.O., D.S.C., is on its way home from duty in Spanish waters to give leave. The Devonport ships of the flotilla—the Echo, Eclipse, and Escapade—and the others—the Exmouth (leader), Esk, and Express (Portsmouth), and Electra, Encounter, and Escort (Chatham) which left Portland on October 20 for its recent turn of duty in Spain, have returned.

#### SOUTH AMERICA CRUISE

H.M.S. Exeter, flying the broad pennant of Commodore H. H. Harwood, O.B.E., commanding the South American Division, is now at Buenos Aires, and will leave there on December 15 to spend Christmas at Montevideo.

#### LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER

Lieutenant-Commander W. J. A. Willis, O.B.E., M.V.O., C.G.M., has retired at his own request in order to take up the appointment of Chief Constable of Rochester, Kent.

#### TRAINING IN MINESWEEPING

The Cedar will commission at Portsmouth under Lieutenant-Commander E. W. Dennett, late of the minesweeper Adventure in China, for service in the 6th Minesweeping Flotilla, employed on training duties at Portland. The Cedar is one of the steam trawlers purchased at Hull in 1935 for minesweeping service, and during 1936 she was with the 5th Flotilla in the Eastern Mediterranean.

#### NEW MINESWEEPER

The minesweeper Sharpshooter, built at Devonport Dockyard, will commission there, and will go to sea for her acceptance trial. Next day her crew will be reduced to a special complement, which will be accommodated in the depot, going to the ship daily as a working party.

#### COMMAND OF THE MILFORD

Captain R. L. B. Cunliffe has been selected to command the escort vessel Milford when she recommissions at Portsmouth next month for further service on the Africa Station. He will succeed Captain E. C. Thornton, D.S.C.

#### AIRCRAFT FROM THE GLORIOUS

No. 802 (Fleet Fighter) Squadron, which returned to England recently in the aircraft-carrier Glorious, is being accommodated at the R.A.F. Station at Abingdon until the Glorious returns to the Mediterranean in January. The squadron has been commanded for three years by Squadron Leader F. E. Bond, R.A.F. The other squadrons from the Glorious were disembarked before the ship left Malta.

#### NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—Lt.-Cdr. P. H. Matheson, to Victory for Signal School (Jan. 10). Payr. Lt.-Cdr. R. F. Pink, to Centurion (Jan. 1).

Lts.—L. W. Napier, to Medway (Dec. 12); N. Marriott, to Dolphin for S/M. course (Jan. 3); J. E. Manners, to Birmingham (Jan. 4). Instr. Lt.—H. E. Dykes, to Nelson (Dec. 28).

Sub-Lt. (E)—C. C. M. Bluet, to Glorious (on recomng.). Wt. Engrs.—A. J. T. Wall, to Caledonia (Jan. 11); V. H. G. Daw and A. E. Parkes, to Ark Royal (Jan. 6).

#### RETIREMENT

Lt.-Cdr.—K. M. Fardell, with rank of Cdr. (Dec. 12).

### THE ARMY

#### MILITARY APPOINTMENT

The War Office announces that Major-General C. N. F. Broad, D.S.O., has been appointed Major-General in charge of Administration, Aldershot Command, with effect from January 1 next, in succession to Lieutenant-General M. G. Taylor, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who, as already announced, is to be Deputy Master-General of the Ordnance at the War Office.

#### BALLOONS IN DEFENCE

Air Commodore J. G. Hearson, who commands the new No. 39 (Balloon Barrage) Group, R.A.F., formed to operate the barrage

which is being developed for the defence of London, will lecture, on "Balloon Barrage" at the Royal United Service Institution at 3 p.m. this afternoon. Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command, will take the chair.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE

#### EXTENSIONS OF SERVICE

Further officers of the general duties branch have been selected for extensions of service on the accordance with the decision made when the expansion scheme began. The following permanent officers are to be retained to the age of 50:—Wing Commanders E. C. Emmett, M.C., D.F.C., R. J. Mounsey, O.B.E., and H. W. G. J. Penderel, M.C., A.F.C.; Squadron Leaders E. H. Hooper and D. O. Hultholland, A.F.C.

The following permanent officers are to be retained to the age of 48:—Squadron Leaders Cyril Chapman, D.S.C., John Duminy, V. R. Gibbs, D.S.C., R. H. Horniman, J. R. I. Scambler, A.F.C., and D. R. W. Thompson.

The following officers, retained in the Service under an order of 1920 to complete time for retired pay, are to be retained to the age of 55:—Squadron Leaders J. R. M. D. Goadsby, A. E. Groom, M.B.E., D.S.M., and Vivian Rees; Flight Lieutenant L. E. Dowse.

#### OUTFIT ALLOWANCE

An Air Ministry order issued on Dec. 6 provides that until further notice an officer, appointed to a permanent or short-service commission in the R.A.F. who has, within three years of his appointment, had previous service in the Royal Navy, Army, Indian Army, Royal Marines, or in any of the auxiliaries of those forces, may, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3336 of the King's Regulations and Air Council Instructions, be granted outfit allowance at the full rate of £50. This concession is a purely temporary measure and will operate only during the period of expansion of the R.A.F. Hitherto the outfit allowance of such officers has been limited to £25.

#### R.A.F. APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments in the Royal Air Force are notified:—

#### GENERAL DUTIES BRANCH

Air Commodores.—T. E. B. Howe, C.B.E., A.F.C., to Headquarters, No. 12 (Fighter) Group, Hucknall, for duty as Senior Air Staff Officer and on appointment as Air Officer Commanding (temporarily); J. H. S. Tyssen, M.C., to Headquarters, R.A.F. Iraq, Hinaldi, for duty as Air Officer in Charge of Administration (Nov. 29).

Group Captains.—G. C. Pirie, M.C., D.F.C., to Special Duty List, on appointment as Air Attache, Washington (Oct. 18); R. M. Drummond, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., to Headquarters, R.A.F. Middle East, Cairo, Egypt, for duty as Senior Air Staff Officer (Nov. 20). Wing Commander.—S. D. Culley, D.S.O., to Special Duty List, on appointment as Inspector, Royal Iraqi Air Force (Oct. 1).

Squadron Leader.—A. E. Case, to R.A.F. Depot Middle East, Aboukir, Egypt, for engineer duties (Nov. 20).

Flight Lieutenants.—V. C. F. Streetfield, to No. 4 Flying Training School, Abu Suhr (Nov. 9); J. B. P. Thomas, to No. 77 (Bomber) Squadron, Honington; R. E. G. Brittain, to No. 148 (Bomber) Squadron, Scampton (Oct. 23); D. B. D. Field, to Superintendent of the Reserve, Hendon (Nov. 22); A. W. Vincent and A. C. Martin, to No. 3 Anti-Aircraft Cooperation Unit, Hal Far, Malta (Nov. 20).

### CHRISTMAS TELEGRAMS

Sir,—From circulars from the Cable Companies I notice that Christmas and New Year telegrams can be sent (X.L.T.) to Great Britain at the reduced rate of \$3.95 for 10 words while the rate to other places in Europe, with certain exceptions, is \$12.17.

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A CONTINENTAL.

Hong Kong, Dec. 23.

#### UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company's Office:—Brockett Lloydiano, passenger Victoria, from Singapore; Wilson, Kowloon Hotel, from Southampton.

## WAH YAN COLLEGE PRIZE DAY

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making this examination once run by the schools themselves for the benefit of their students.

I would like to pay here a very sincere tribute to the manner in which this examination was organized and run last summer, and to the unwearied kindness, courtesy and efficiency of the Government officers responsible for its success. It has been my good fortune to have had considerable contact during the past year with those responsible for fathering the new examination; and I have been greatly impressed, not merely with the understanding of local circumstances and the general educational awareness of the gentlemen concerned, but still more with their approachableness, their reasonableness, their readiness to discuss problems, to listen to criticism, and to accept suggestions. It is a very real pleasure to make this public statement here.

One very fundamental point about the new examination still calls for much consideration. It is this:—What standard is the new examination intended eventually to attain? Its present standard is that of the old Class 2 examination, the Junior Local. Is it intended to leave it so? If so, it is inevitable that parents, finding their boys (as they will find them) ill-equipped for going out into the world, will send them in large numbers to school for another year, and let them sit for the Hong Kong University Matriculation examination. This will result in this University examination becoming (or rather, remaining) the true standard of secondary education in this Colony—which is the very thing that the new examination was instituted to prevent!

#### TRIBUTE TO STAFF

I should like to express also here my very sincere appreciation of the work of our laymasters. In teaching, as in any other profession, it is easy to get men, but hard to get good men. I feel very deeply that Wah Yan has been singularly blessed in getting so many really good men on her staff; good, not merely as regards knowledge and academic qualifications, but—what is far more important—men of sterling character, who are conscientious in their work and devoted to the highest ideals of their profession. Nobody sees as much as I do of the inner working of the school; and I would need to be very blind indeed, did I fail to perceive the great influence for good in every way exerted on the boys by the various members of the staff.

To the boys, finally, I would say, as I have so often said already to my own class: Remember always that the greatest work of your schooldays is the moulding of your own characters. It is for this end alone that Wah Yan exists: not to sell knowledge, but to train men. Wah Yan wants to know you all in years to come men of honour and of principle, men who are determined to deserve success, but not to win success by evil means.

After the Very Rev. Fr. Rector had reviewed the year's work, His Excellency the Governor said:—

I am very glad to be able to be here to-day and I am grateful, Very Rev. Father Rector, for the welcome which has been given to me.

This is the first school prize-giving which I have attended in Hong Kong and to listen to the excellent record of Wah Yan's past twelve months added, therefore, to the pleasure which I feel at being present here. The very high percentages of passes and the frequency of honours and distinctions which the College was able to show as the result of the two examinations mentioned by the Prefect of Studies do high credit both to the teaching staff and to those taught by them. Both the Rector's address and the report of the Prefect of Studies made encouraging bearing and I hope that the forthcoming year will turn out at least equally well.

As Governor of the Colony I willingly acknowledge and thank the College authorities for what they have done for unfortunate refugee children. I was very glad to hear the good account which the Prefect of Studies was able to give of their conduct and I feel sure that some day they will look back with gratitude and happiness upon the time which they spent here.

I listened with much interest to what the Prefect of Studies had to say about the examination for the School Leaving Certificate and the standard to which it should attain. I do not intend to make any final pronouncement on that im-

## "HULLO HONG KONG"

### Another Successful Performance

"Hullo Hong Kong," the variety revue produced by Sub-Lt. Owen, R.N., H.M.S. Westcott, played to a crowded house at the China Fleet Club last night—it had, on the night before, scored a tremendous success when amongst those present were His Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote. His Excellency the General Officer Commanding and Mrs. Bartholomew and Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor.

The concert was extremely enjoyable in that all the items were cleverly presented and there was no waiting in-between turns. Sub-Lt. Owen literally "carried" the show but in fairness to the rest of the cast it must be said that everyone did his or her share towards making the concert the success it turned out to be.

#### THE PLAYERS

Lt. Edward Talbot (Medway), Lt. Desmond Martin (Medway), Sub-Lt. Charles Owen (Westcott), Sub-Lt. Christopher Gough (Decoy), Sub-Lt. Thomas Barlow (Medway), Rosemarie Gambler, Peggy Walker.

Guest-Artists.—Erik Nelson, P. O. Charles Gill (Medway). Accompanist.—Pay Cadet Michael Collins (Cumberland).

Organiser.—Sub-Lt. Charles Owen (Westcott).

Asst. Stage Manager, P. O. Johnson, (Westcott); Back-Stage Staff, Messrs. Richardson, Luke, Turner; Master of the Foyer, C. P. O. Gould, (Westcott); Commissionaire, P. O. Tunber, (Westcott); Programme Sellers, Messrs. Finlayson, Kirwan, Littlewood, Evans.

#### THE ORCHESTRA

Conductor, Mr. R. E. Compton; Leader, Bandmaster T. B. Turner; Band Corporals, Dixon and Whitney; Band Boy, Clark; Musicians: Wylie, Johnson, Holler, Trussler, Susans, Foley, Dawkin, Handford, Allan-Dodds, Combes, Agnew, Lerwill, Buick, Lorentsen, Streets, Ray, Howard, Wallace and Vaughan of the Royal Marine Band, H.M.S. Cumberland.

The Revue was held to raise funds for the Naval Chaplain's Fund for Seamen's Welfare, comprising the Royal Naval Hospital Recreation Fund and the Dockyard branch of the Ministering Children's League, and also to assist the H in their work for the Salty-pun Chinese Boys' Club.

### VOLUNTEER DOCTOR IN COLONY

Dr. Hankey, who originally started off from England with Dr. N. Smith, of the Middlesex Hospital, arrived in the Colony on Wednesday by the P. and O. liner Corfu, offering his services to the Chinese National Red Cross in a private capacity.

It is learned that Dr. Hankey will interview Dr. Y. C. Woo, head of the Chinese Red Cross in Hong Kong, to make arrangements for his future activities, after which he will probably proceed to Hankow.

portant subject to-day: I have not had time to study it in its local application, and it is, indeed, a question which I have postponed deliberately until I can discuss it with Mr. Sayer who has been dealing with it during his leave.

But I am prepared to state it as my present view that the examination standard for the School Leaving Certificate should, as in Great Britain, put that useful document within the reach of the average boy of fairly industrious habit. The Matriculation standard, on the other hand, must obviously be on a higher plane. But I personally know of no reason why these two different qualifications should not be obtainable in Hong Kong through one examination, as they are in Great Britain, the other being won by an adequate number of credits.

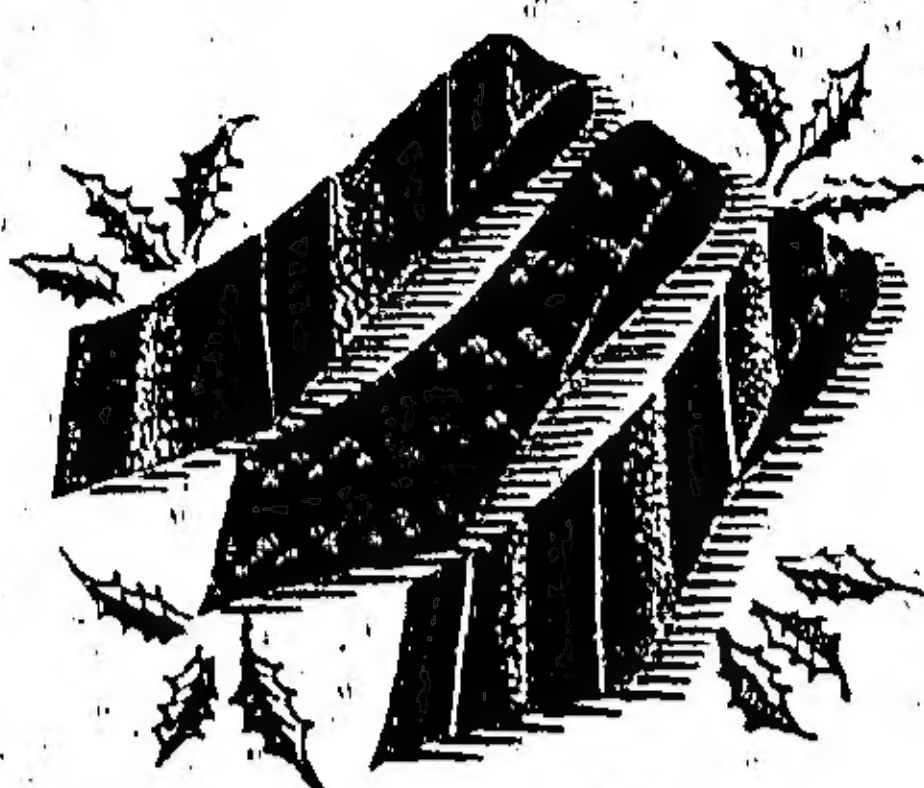
#### "NECESSARY EVILS"

The other point which I wish to mention is that we should strive to attain our object in this direction with the minimum of examination. In my view the setting of examinations is a thing to be avoided as much as possible, though I admit that to some extent examinations are necessary evils. They impose a heavy strain on the pupils and the teacher and they have no teaching value in themselves. This may sound odd at a ceremony at which rewards are gained through examinations are being presented; but, I make no apology for stating which I believe to be a not unimportant truth.

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All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

### DEACONS,

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## BANK HOLIDAYS.

In Accordance with Government Ordinance, THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transactions of PUBLIC BUSINESS on SATURDAY, and MONDAY, the 25th and 27th December, 1937. (Christmas Holidays). Hong Kong, 22nd Dec., 1937. 5840

## OFFICIAL NOTICE.

### PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I John Finnie, Manager of Taikoo Dockyard & Eng. Co. of H.K., Ltd., hereby give notice that in consequence of Proposal to re-name the present salvage vessel "Tai Koo," Tai "Koo I" and to register the new salvage vessel "Tai Koo."

I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship "Tai Koo" of Hong Kong Official number 128709 of registered gross tonnage 366 registered net tonnage 20 tons, owned by Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co. of Hong Kong, Ltd., Hong Kong, for the permission to change her name to "Tai Koo I" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Co. of Hong Kong, Ltd., Hong Kong.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong, within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 21st day of December, 1937.

(Signed) For

THE TAIKOO DOCKYARD & ENGINEERING COMPANY OF HONG KONG, LTD.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The engagement is announced of John Derek Holmes, 1st Kumaon Rifles, Indian Army, younger son of the late Rev. F. S. Holmes of Queenstown, Co. Cork, Ireland and Mrs. Holmes of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire to Dorothea Rosalie, daughter of Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C. (Attorney General of Hong Kong) and Mrs. Alabaster, M.B.E., 376 The Peak, Hong Kong. China and India papers please copy. 5841

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HONG KONG, DECEMBER 24, 1937.

## TRADE UNDER WAR INFLUENCE

The Chinese Maritime Customs statistics for the month of September, which were only recently available, are the first to reflect at all fully the interruptions and diversions of trade through the Sino-Japanese conflict. The Shanghai centre, which in the normal trend of affairs usually accounts for about half of China's total trade turnover, was almost at a standstill, hence the total of imports into China in September was less than that for the preceding month by almost two-fifths at 34 million standard dollars. As compared with the figures for September, 1936 they were distinctly less than half the value of the imports into China for that period. On the other hand, China's exports expanded in September quite remarkably. The value during that month was 67 million dollars, compared with 45 million dollars in August, and were larger by about one-eighth than China's total exports in September, 1936. In other words, while imports into China were largely stopped by the Japanese operation in Shanghai, China has been able to direct rapidly the bulk of her export trade from Shanghai to other parts of the country which were not affected by the war.

A comparison of the Chinese trade figures for the last two months after the outbreak of hostilities (August-September) shows that all large countries trading with China lost trade on a great scale through the Chinese-Japanese war. (The figures here given are accurate to the quarter million of standard dollars only). Imports of Japanese goods into China declined during that period from 43 million dollars to not quite 10 million dollars. Exports from China to Japan have shrunk simultaneously from 17½ to 7½ million dollars. Germany's imports into China declined in the first two months after the outbreak of hostilities from 38 to 12 million dollars, while exports from China to Germany showed a reduction from 16½ to eight million dollars. As compared with Germany and Japan, the British and United States losses are moderate. Imports of British goods into China declined from 25 to 10 million dollars, while exports from China to Britain were reduced from 23½ to 11½ million dollars, that is by just about one half. United States imports into China were reduced from 52½ to 24 million dollars.

In spite of heavy trade losses as a result of the war, China's total trade for the first nine months of this year was maintained to a remarkable degree. Total imports into China increased in that period, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, from 684½ million dollars to 819½ million dollars, while exports from China advanced simultaneously from 507½ to 684 million dollars. China's unfavourable trade balance, which had been 177½ million dollars in the first nine months of last year, was thus reduced to 135½ million dollars in the same period of this year. As a whole China's trade in the first nine months of this year is a good measure for China's rising trade strength which is, unfortunately, in the danger of being undermined by the war. As China has been the world's most expensive market for capital goods until August last, the effects of the war on China's trade will probably have far-reaching repercussions on the world's industrial activity.

The pictures of King Hamlet and King Claudius can hardly have shown a wider contrast than that drawn by a London correspondent in a letter recently to the "Times." "Seven pounds against seventy tons; twenty miles against 30,000; and fifty m.p.h. (good going, too) against 200. Out of his long memories he could bring much to fill in the picture of the earliest attempts at carrying mails by air. He must remember the success at the great display before Ministers and members of Parliament at Hendon in May, 1911, when Hamlet flew to Aldershot and back with dispatches, and each time arrived at his destination long before the telegram announcing his departure.

In spite of all that was said and written at the end of last June, when the Imperial Airways flying-boat Centurion took off from Southampton, in the presence of the Secretary of State for Air, the Postmaster-General, and others, and the "all-up" Empire air mail was put in action, many a family, both in England and in South Africa, has been planning its Christmas mail on the old lines and has taken great care not to miss the old once-a-week post, that took seventeen or eighteen days. The change has been upon them unannounced. Now, like it or not, they have committed their letters to a flying-boat, which between Southampton and Durban will carry them, without trans-shipping, at incredible speed. It is improbable that the future of air mail will see any contrast so violent as that to which attention has been called: and yet this year's Christmas mail to South Africa will make a good point to mark in the memory, because before very long it will be seen as incomplete, only the first and partial triumph in a much greater Imperial whole. When the Empire air mail scheme is complete, and the great partnership is in full action for the common end, with direct services from Great Britain to Malaya, Australia, and New Zealand, as well as to Africa and India, when the air is the regular, the compulsory, route for all the Empire's letters, a great idea will have been realized, and dreams which must have sometimes seemed fantastic even to the dreamers will be solid fact.

## HEALTH RETURNS

Four cases of dysentery and two of small-pox were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended at midnight on Wednesday.

## QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS REMOVED

The quarantine restrictions imposed by the Governments of the Netherlands East Indies and Japan against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.

## PRETTY INDIAN WEDDING

### ABBAS-ISMAIL

A wedding of much interest to the local Indian community and sporting circles generally was solemnised last evening, under Muslim rights, between Mr. Mohamed Rumjahn Abbas, son of Mr. Majee and Mrs. A. R. Abbas and Miss Aysha Ismail, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ismail and sister of the well-known local cricketer, Mr. A. K. (Percy) Ismail. Both the bride and bridegroom are very popular members of the younger set of the Indian community, and the reception, which was held at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, was very well attended.

Mr. Abbas is the lawn bowls convenor of the Indian Recreation Club and represented them at cricket for a number of seasons, being captain of the team that won the Second Division championship some two years ago. He was the recipient of a very beautiful present subscribed for by members of the I.R.C.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. S.F. Ismail, was charmingly attired in a white satin gown, and was attended by two flower-girls. The best man and groomsmen were Messrs. A. R. Abbas and A.H. Madar.

## REGISTRY WEDDING

A quiet wedding took place at the Registry of Marriages, Supreme Court, yesterday, when Miss Young Pui Ching, teacher, of No. 107 Sai Yeung Choi Street, first floor, became the bride of Mr. Sin Man Hing, office assistant, of the Wing Cheong Hong, residing at No. 25 Lee Yuen Street West, second floor.

Mr. W. Aneurin Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, performed the ceremony, in the presence of Miss Woo Siu Shan and Mr. Yeung Kin Fan.

## PLIGHT OF CHINESE REFUGEES

### Thousands Dependent On Foreign Relief

The plight of the refugees in the war areas of China and their urgent need of food, clothing, and medicaments were described on Dec. 3 by Dr. R. C. Robertson, head of the Pathological Sciences division of the Lester Institute of Medical Research, Shanghai, at a meeting held at the headquarters of the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Relief of Distress in China, 121, Westbourne Terrace, W.

Dr. Robertson, who, on the outbreak of hostilities in August, took charge of the medical services in the improvised refugee camps in the International Settlement at Shanghai, has just arrived in Britain, and is soon returning to China as head of the British unit of the League of Nations anti-epidemic commission. He pointed out that this commission was to act as adviser to the Chinese Government and would follow them into the interior of the country. It could not operate in the areas occupied by the Japanese, and the Japanese authorities, with the best will in the world, could do no more than safeguard their own troops. The 200,000,000 Chinese in the stricken region, nearly half the population of China, were thus entirely dependent for relief on the efforts of the Lord Mayor's Fund and similar organizations, working through the Ambassador's Committee on the spot.

### DYING LIKE FLIES

The refugee situation, Dr. Robertson said, was constantly fluctuating. At Shanghai more than 1,000,000 refugees had poured into the International Settlement. At first food was plentiful and many could sleep out of doors, but now local supplies were running short and the temperature was at freezing point. Children in the refugee camps had died like flies owing to lack of milk and from the effects of aerial bombardment.

The British mission hospitals had saved the situation at Shanghai and were doing magnificent work in other towns. With the Japanese advance on Nanking about 1,000,000 people were trying to leave the city with no preconceived plan and without supplies. Hundreds of thousands would die unless foreign relief funds could help them.

Dr. Robertson recalled that last August he was erroneously reported to have been killed and said "Times."

## PHILIPPINE REVIEW

### Make It Now, Senor Quezon

Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine commonwealth, sensibly told the national assembly that if the country can be made ready for independence in 1946 it will be ready in 1938. He said he had suggested to President Roosevelt that either Dec. 30, 1938, or July 4, 1939, be set as the new date for the Philippine birthday party.

The only exception that can be taken to that suggestion is that it proposes too long a time to wait. Christmas day of this year would be far enough away. Complete independence at that date might be the best Christmas present Uncle Sam ever made for his own good. If the Philippines represented an American interest regarded as worth any national effort to retain, the decision would be different.

As it is, the United States is remaining in a distant land from which it intends to withdraw some nine years from now. The present year is one of extraordinary tension in the far east and the near future is nothing but uncertainty. If the United States were relieved of the national responsibility still incorporated in its Filipino attachments, it could feel much safer in the storms which are sweeping over Asia.

If we were on good terms with Japan a delay in carrying out the ultimate purpose giving the Filipinos full responsibility for themselves might be tolerable. Peaceable relations have not yet been disturbed by any act, but they have been threatened by words and presently the United States will be sitting in a conference of treaty powers, engaged in considering ways and means of getting Japanese troops out of China.

President Roosevelt has already made belligerent remarks. They were ostensibly in the cause of peace but in the cause of a peace which we were to obtain by taking a strong and determined position against aggressor nations. Although subsequent official observations and remarks have been less bellicose, Japan stands on notice that there is humanitarian objection to its procedure.

America's anticipated attitude was one of isolated neutrality. The apparent departure from that, seeking co-operation to restrain what is described as banditry and international lawlessness, has been welcomed by various European nations willing to give America the post of honour in any action taken to check aggression threatening European self-interest.

Before the United States finds itself involved in serious affairs so far from its frontier of successful military operations it would be wise to withdraw its hostages from the Philippines, where Japanese retaliation could easily advance. Of all national follies none could be worse than suddenly finding a point of national honour in a country this nation proposes to abandon peaceably within the next decade.

### Popularizing The Front

The proposal by Judge Juan Sumulong, who is known as "the brains of the opposition" in Philippine politics, for a general reorganization of the Popular Front amounts to an open admission that as things now stand the Front does not actually rank as an opposition party. No one hardly could disagree with him on this point. The Popular Front hardly can be credited with being either a party or an opposition. It is a mere loose association of many discordant oppositions, says the "Manila Bulletin."

Judge Sumulong has earned a wide reputation and an unusual measure of respect through the frankness and sincerity of his observations and advice on matters political. It is generally recognized that he is a student, a brainy political analyst. But in frankness it must be admitted that he will have a job to do to the limit all his talents of leadership to build a real opposition out of the Popular Front. Apparently he realizes this—hence his suggestion for a complete reorganization.

At present the Popular Front depends far too much on a single common factor for cohesion, the common interest of being against the party and persons now in office. If Judge Sumulong and others of his associates who are willing to make the effort to build an opposition can take the disjointed opposition units and blocs and harmonize their grievances to the extent of building a constructive platform possibly they may be able to make a real start in the right direction. But they certainly have to get a far greater degree of unity of political purpose than yet is manifest among these several entities and loose groups claimed for membership in the Popular Front.

The Popular Front has one outstanding weakness common to opposition parties in the Philippines, the lack of a defined platform made up of concrete planks. If the Sumulong reorganization plans includes the building of a platform, if one really can be built, then there will be hope for the so-called Popular Front to be popularized but before lasting progress is made it has to get past the state of mere theorizing by the political have-nots.

## CHUNGKING IS NOW OVERCROWDED

### No More Accommodation; Food Shortage

Hankow, Dec. 23.

An unprecedented situation has been created in Chungking as a result of the considerable exodus from Hankow. The city is so crammed that the authorities are not allowing any further arrivals, with the result that many steamers loaded with refugees have been compelled to drop their human cargoes at Ichang and Wanshsien. There is no more housing accommodation in Chungking. Many snobs, doing business all day are tenting their counters as beds at night. The city also faces a serious food shortage and the authorities here are urging all refugees coming into Szechuan to bring their own food.

A similar situation, though not so acute, exists at Changsha.

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## TRANSPORT WORKERS VOTE FOR BOYCOTT OF JAPAN

London, Dec. 22.

The British section of the International Transport Workers' Federation held a meeting in London to-day and decided to support a policy to boycott Japanese goods.

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the report of his death arose from the fact that he lent a destitute refugee one of his old suits. The man was blown to pieces by a bomb and apparently some documents bearing his name which had been left in the pockets were found. He read his own obituary notice at breakfast the next day. "Times."

## EXAMINATION FOR NURSES

The following results of the Nurses Board Examinations held in December, 1937, under Section 4, of the Nurses Registration Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1 of 1931, are published for general information:—

### PRELIMINARY

#### Passed

Government Hospitals:—Misses Annie Choy, Pearl Lin, Alice Chun, Cecilia Y. Ng, Mr. Yuen Lai Chuen and Mr. Mok Yim Lam.

Tung Wah Hospital:—Miss Chung Chi Keung (Credit in Anatomy and Physiology), Misses Li Yick Kam, Yip Wai Fong, Yuen Yuet Wa.

Tung Wah Eastern Hospital:—Miss Chiu Yu Yu.

Kwong Wah Hospital:—Misses Chan Pui Lin, Luck Chi Wai, Leung Fook Hing.

Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital:—Miss Maggie Ho.

#### FINAL

#### Passed

Government Hospitals:—Misses Sylvia Chung, Lavinia Lai, Ruth Naidu, Alice Kwan (Kwan Tak Hing), Mary Tsui (Tsui Mei Ying), Jean M. Tsey, Mr. Lo Long Him, and Mr. Sun Yuk Man.

Kwong Wah Hospital:—Misses Chan Pui King, Ng Yui Mui, Chung Pui Ung, Chung Pui Fong, Kwok Hak Yue.

Allice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals:—Misses Ng Wai Kau, Faan So Chee, Lau Mei Shin, Leung Koon Koon.

Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital:—Miss Chui Fu Yung.







## WAH YAN COLLEGE PRIZE DAY

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A prize-giving occasion would not be properly fulfilled if the person honoured with the privilege of presenting the prizes did not congratulate the winners on their various successes. That I do very heartily and in doing so I recognise that there can have been no light struggle for the scholastic record of the past year to which I have already referred, is proof that there are very many able and hard-working boys in the College; and to come out top among such competitors is no mean feat. Frequently such congratulations to the winners are followed by condolences to the losers but I do not intend to offer these. When all is said and done, the credit belonging to those who were the runners-up in such close competition is nearly as great as that of the prize-winners and personally I think that congratulations are due also to those who "proxime accesserunt." Those congratulations I offer very sincerely.

Lastly I offer my good wishes for success to all those who at the end of the last school-year emerged into the wider and more difficult struggle of life. The prizes there are less easy to discern than those at school and may look less attainable. But for all that they are many in number and within the reach of all who are prepared for a life of hard work coupled with honest purpose.

I will not detain you, ladies and gentlemen, longer from the treats that have been prepared for you on this stage except to say again how pleased I am to be here on this happy occasion. (Applause).

### MATRICULATION

Honours:—Chu Chee-hoi, with Distinction in Geometry and Biblical Knowledge. Ratna, Khutarakul, with Distinction in Trigonometry and English.

Pass:—Chan Man-yuk, Chu Chee-sze, Ip Ming-yun, Lai Chiu-pun, Kam Kin-keung, with Distinction in trigonometry; Luk Mang-hey, Mui Ho-shing, David Tsui, Wong Hok-bun, Wong Shiu-ngo, Wong Tak-sun, with Distinction in Geometry; Wong Tso-fong, with Distinction in Algebra and Trigonometry.

Senior School Leaving Certificate  
Honours:—Chan Chiu-keung, Chan Chung-tsui, Chan Man-wing, Cheung Yan-lun, Lam Chi-chung, Lam Wing-kee, Law Chau-sun, with Distinction in Algebra; Leung Chak-kin, Lim Kim-tek, with Distinction in Algebra and Trigonometry; Ng Tsang-sang, with Distinction in Geometry; See Wai-ching, with Distinction in Geometry; Tsang Chak-kan, Wong Shiu-kan, Yeung Wai-tak, with Distinction in Geometry.

School Certificate Examination  
Honours:—Chow Pak-hang, Lai King-shun, with Distinction in Mathematics; Sim Kah-sun, with Distinction in Mathematics and History; Tsui Koon-fong, with Distinction in Mathematics; Yu Shuk-siu, with Distinction in Mathematics.

Pass:—Cheung Po-man, Cheung Shiu-chung, Choa Wing-ip, Chow Chiu-chen, Chu Chee-man, Chu Shiu-lun, Chung Chee-hung, Chung Shiu-chung, Ho Kin-hung, Ho Sai-keung, Ho Sai-kong, Ho Shiu-ngai, Lau Chak-hong, Lee Kam-wing, Lee Shing-chiu, Lee Tack-cheung, Leung Chek-shing, Leung Lin-chee, with Distinction in Mathematics; Li Hing-tong, Li Hor-chung, Li Kai-yao, Li Yun-sun, Luk Fook-hoi, Luk Fook-shan, Luk Mang-wai, Mak Kui-lip, Ng King-chung, Poon Lam-fong, San Chung-kin, Sit Wing-lai, Tam Cheuk, Tam King-wai, Tsang Chun-kan, Tsau Tsoi-yun, with Distinction in elementary Science, Tseng Yuan-chung, Tsui Hing-tong, Wai Ka-chee, with Distinction in Mathematics; Wai Ka-lai, Wong Hok-kwong, Mong Tin-sik, Wong Yik-kwan, Wu Chin-sui, Yu Ping-tung, with Distinction in Chemistry; Yung Joey.

### CLASS PRIZES

3A.—Wong Chin-wa, Chau Kam-hoi, Yeung Nai-yin.  
3B.—Lai Tseng-chung, Chiu See-lin, Francis Chan.  
3C.—Chiu See-lin, Leung Fook-wing, Yuen Chi-tao.  
3D.—Pong Fook-chien, Leung Lai-hung, Wong Kin-wai.  
4A.—Sin Lin-lau, Luk Lai-kwong, Lai Sau-nam.  
4B.—Lau Chi-chuen, Chan Chee-shui, Ng Chun-keung.  
4C.—Chiu Hung-fun, Cheung Wal-chee, Choa Wing-hang.  
4D.—B. Wadhu, Tai Hon-kong, Leung Yu-chung.  
5A.—Fung Shu-shit, Tsang How-leung, Ho Sui-ming.

## FANLING RACE CLUB

### Programme For Jan. 16 Meeting

The programme for the January Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club at Kwantl on January 16 is as follows:—

Race 1.—2.45 p.m. "The San Wal Steeplechase," 1½ miles: A handicap for China ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Race 2 and Race 4.—"The January Plate" and "The Hunters' Hurdle Race" (to be run as two events as classified by the Committee). 1½ miles. For China Ponies. Winners of a hurdle race or steeplechase since January 1, 1937, barred. The January Plate a handicap, and the Hunters' Hurdle Race catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Race 3.—"The New South Wales Handicap." A steeplechase of 1½ miles for Australian Ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15. Entry Fee \$3.

Race 5.—"The Happy Valley Handicap." A flat race of 1 mile. For China Ponies classified by the Hong Kong Jockey Club as "D" and "E" classes and that have not won \$500 or more since January 1, 1937. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs allowed. Winner \$100; 2nd \$50; 3rd \$40. Entry Fee \$5.

\*Open to members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. Owners entering for this race, and Jockeys, who are not members of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will have the privileges of the Club for the day.

Entries close with the Secretaries, Messrs. Thomson & Co., Chartered Accountants, Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Tuesday, January 4, at noon.

Ponies entered for the Happy Valley Handicap will be transported free by ferry and rail on Saturday, January 15, returned on Monday, January 17, and kept at Kwantl without charge.

### H.K.C.C. TEAMS

#### Matches Against Navy And Army

The following will represent the Hong Kong Cricket Club in Triangular Tournament cricket matches during the holidays.

On December 27, at 11 a.m. v. the Army:—

A. W. Hayward (Capt.), F. H. Stokes, M. L. F. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, F. Baker, J. E. Richardson, T. A. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, D. McLellan, T. A. Pearce and J. L. C. Pearce.

On January 1, 1938, at 11 a.m. v. the Royal Navy:—  
A. W. Hayward (Capt.), F. H. Stokes, M. L. F. Haymes, L. D. Kilbee, M. R. Swain, F. Marshall, T. A. Pearce, H. Owen Hughes, D. McLellan, R. E. H. Nelson and J. L. C. Pearce.

5B.—Lam King-tak, Lam Kwai-ho, Lee Yum-hong.  
5C.—Ho Cheung-sang, Chow Cheuk-shun, Wong Yue-kui.  
6A.—To Cho-wai, Au Yeung Kwong-lim, Wong Shiu-chuen.  
6B.—Lee Kwai-hong, Lee Shu-kwan, U Sze-nam.  
6C.—Hui Chiu-tung, Leung Koon-to, Tse Hin-bun.

7A.—Lai Chan-kwan, Lo Tse-tung, Ho Cheuk-wing.  
7B.—Leung Yai, To Man-hon, Tam Yuen-tong.  
7C.—Wong Yick-ho, Chan Yung-lam, Wong Kwong-on.  
8A.—Mok Yip-lum, Lee Hin-wing, Cheng Kwan-kun.  
8B.—Lee Hok-tong, Chan Lai-wo, Wong Sing-hoi.  
8C.—Yue Cho-kuen, Ng Yiu-woon, Kwok Kam-tung.

SCHOOLSHIP WINNERS  
Class 2. Sim Kah-sun; 3. Wong Chin-wa; 4. Sin Lin-lau; 5. Fung Shu-shit; 6. To Cho-wai; 7. Lui Chan-kwan; 8. Lee Hin-wing.

SPECIAL AWARDS  
Religious Knowledge (Gold Medal), Chiu Chee-sze.  
English Debate (Gold Medal), Sim Kah-sun; (Silver Medal), Ratna Khutarakul.  
Mandarin Debate (Gold Medal), "Ho Chin-sui"; (Silver Medal), Lai Tseng-chung.  
Improvement in English Debate (1) Liu Sun-yao; (2) Wong Shiu-kan.  
Improvement in Mandarin Debate (1) Fung Wan-foon; (2) Chung Heung-kui.

## CRICKET NOTES

### Alec Pearce Returns To Best Form

BY "NEW L.B.W."

There was some pretty heavy scoring in the cricket matches played over the week-end and a number of leading batsmen were in the limelight. Three of these, Alec Pearce of the Cricket Club, Donald Anderson of Kowloon, and Captain Whitmarsh of the Royal Navy particularly distinguished themselves.

Pearce played a remarkable innings for the Club in the friendly against the Navy on Saturday. He had been taking a rest for a few matches and previous to that had not done anything outstanding just recently but his 151 in this game represented some tremendously fast scoring. It was made in 98 minutes out of 233 runs that came from the bat and included two sixes and 25 fours. The extent to which he monopolised the scoring is indicated by the fact that in partnerships of 83 with Kilbee and 129 with Owen Hughes, these other two players claimed respectively only 37 and 31. Incidentally Pearce was undefeated when the closure was applied at 237 for two wickets. His stand with Owen-Hughes being an unbroken one. Kilbee and Owen Hughes are both by no means slow scorers but Pearce played one of his freest innings here and, running sharp singles as he did, took most of the bowling. Owen Hughes, in particular, spent most of the time during the third wicket partnership backing up and calling.

Actually Kilbee batted as well as Pearce, comparatively speaking, but he had not the same judgment in picking the ball, and after five four's and a six Whitmarsh had him caught near the screen. A commentary on the judiciousness as well as severity of Pearce's hitting is that he gave no chance till he had reached three figures. He had only one other mistake, a very hard c and b in the last over before the declaration.

The Navy appeared somewhat overawed by the big score against them and of their first five men only Skelton and Ogle did anything. Lt. Cotman, one of their best bats, failed completely, and the later men did little, but Captain Whitmarsh, going in very late, made a fine effort to save the game and it was only in the last over that the Club won, when Pearce bowled E. A. Wood, good wicket-keeper, but no batsman. Whitmarsh had tried, successfully up to then, to "hide" Wood and

it was rather bad luck that he couldn't see it through to the end. He played a nice knock for 36 not out.

The next day, for Lt.-Cmdr. Nicholson's XI against A. W. Hayward's XI, in one of those enjoyable games on their own ground which the Navy cricketers seem to be specialising in this season, Whitmarsh made runs again, this time a characteristically free innings which contributed materially to his side's total of 156.

Anderson's century against the Seaforth Highlanders was, I am told, played in his usual polished style. My informant, however, could not say whether or not he gave any chances for he was "so absolutely elevated by O'Brien's hectic hitting—75 in half-an-hour, my word!" that he "almost forgot Donald had made a century!" I confess I am lacking in details of O'Brien's innings also, but it must have been a very hard-hitting piece of work, rivalling Pearce's of the day before. Kenneth Baxter of the Second Eleven opened the innings with Anderson in the absence of Teddy Fincher, and batted well for his 33. Kowloon declared at 256 for three wickets and had no difficulty in winning the game.

The third bit of hefty scoring was in the game between Civil Service and the Indians at Soekunpoo, when 350 runs were made for 13 wickets. The Civil Servants batted first and declared at just short of the second hundred with eight wickets down. "Dicky" Richardson opened the innings and distributed ten four's to various parts of the ground in the course of making 60, but F. Baker, going in as late as No. 9, was even more forceful and three sixes and eight four's made up 50 of his 61 runs. The Indians were not daunted when they went in and the first four men all made runs, A. R. Abbas' 37 being the most attractive of the lot. No real effort to go for the runs was made but they had no difficulty in earning a creditable draw.

Lack of time and space prevents me going into the Junior League matches but the first three positions now stand:—

	P. W.	L.	D.	Pts
Royal Navy	5	3	0	21
Army	5	2	0	3
Craigengower	4	2	0	2

## TRIANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT

### Navy Defeat Army

The Royal Navy defeated the Army in the first match of the Triangular Cricket Tournament, which concluded on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday.

Army—1st Innings	118
Navy—1st Innings	203
ARMY—2nd Innings	
Lieut. Weedon, c Cotman, b Boucher	32
Lieut. MacLagan, b Kyrke	0
Jones, c Walters	0
Capt. Mackintosh-Walker, b Cotman	14
Lieut. Beadnell, c Walters, b Boucher	10
Lieut. Godby, c and b Paxton	23
Paynter, c and b Paxton	1
Warr, lbw, Paxton	11
Hatfield, b Whitmarsh	2
Lieut. Barron, not out	0
Cheney, b Whitmarsh	8
Extras	8
Total	124

NAVY—2nd Innings	
Smith, b Godby	6
Lieut. Cotman, b MacLagan	27
Sub-Lt. Ogle, c and b Godby	4
Sub-Lt. Kyrke, b Godby	5
Commr. Boucher, c Weedon, b MacLagan	2
Paxton, c MacLagan, b Cheney	15
Wood, b Godby	1
Capt. Whitmarsh, not out	44
Lt.-Cdr. Fugh, c Mackintosh-Walker, b Cheney	14
Lt. Walters, not out	10
Extras	8
Total (for 8 wks.)	130

Capt. Charles did not bat.

## Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY  
Bridge.—Cheung Club Duplicate Bridge, 8 p.m.

Meeting.—Kowloon Chess Club, at St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5.30

TO-MORROW  
Cricket.—Triangular Tournament, Hong Kong C.C. v. Army, 11 a.m.

Football.—Charity Match, Hong Kong Football Association v. Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation (Caroline Hill), 3.30 p.m.  
Gold.—Kowloon Club Christmas Meeting, Stableford Competition.

## THREE HORSES IN DEAD-HEAT

Three horses dead-heated for first place in the Aboukir Handicap for thoroughbreds, run at Cairo over seven furlongs at the Heliopolis Racing Club.

Lemfin, owned by the British Ambassador, Sir Miles Lampson, and ridden by Gibson, an English jockey, was leading near the post, but was caught by Mr. T. P. Cozzha's Ballyearna and Baron J. Empain's Crazy Weather.

The last time a triple dead-heat occurred on the English Turf was at Newmarket in 1924, when Hope Deferred, Vaddy and Buddha finished together in the Long Course Selling Handicap.

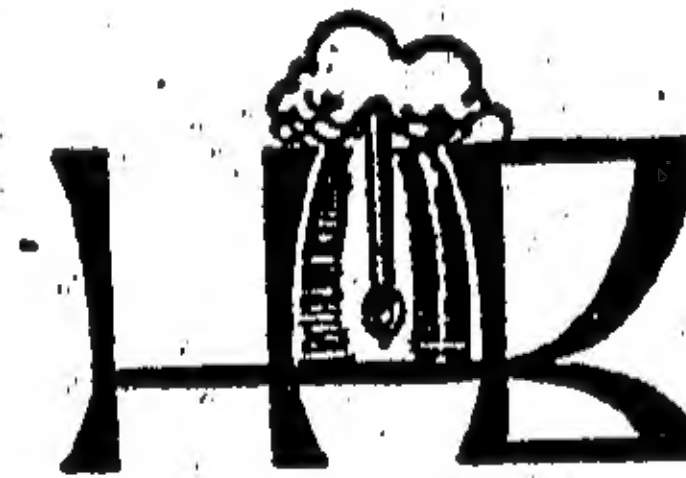
### R.A. CUP FINAL

The final of the Royal Artillery Cup will be played at the Hong Kong Polo Ground on Monday, December 27 at 3.30 p.m.

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## MIDDLESEX WIN SMALL UNITS LEAGUE

### Penalty Goal Decides The Issue

The final of the Small Units league was played off yesterday afternoon between the "A" Coy. Middlesex and "A" Coy. Seaforth Highlanders, on the Army ground at Soekunpoo, with the Middlesex winning the Cup by a penalty awarded towards the end of the second half. The game was well attended.

Seaforth Highlanders "A" Coy.—Ainslie, Reed, Brown, Fleming, Smellie, Lowrie, Dixon, Gilchrist, Burke, Graham, Ferguson.

Middlesex "A" Coy.—Jannings, Nowell, Watson, Crowley, Goodair, Clague, Ferguson, Samuels, Devonshire, Whitehouse and Saddles.

The Middlesex kicked off and carried play into the Scottish area but bad shooting brought no result. A pretty piece of work by Samuels came to naught by his erratic shooting. They drew first blood through Saddles who centered a fine shot to Samuels who in turn passed it to Ferguson to put it into the net for the opening goal. Their efforts would have shown better results had their inside for-

wards kept up with the ball, for the wings sent over many fine centers. The Seaforths, in their effort to equalise, made many raids, but the shooting was poor.

### THE EQUALISER

However, they managed to equalise through Smellie from the half-way line which went through Jannings' hands. The score at half time was one-all.

Early in the second half the Seaforths forced their way into the Middlesex area but ball control was lacking. Ainslie hurt his eye rather badly when he collided with Devonshire, but after receiving first aid, played on. Dixon, on a couple of occasions, caused anxiety to the Middlesex defenders. The final and deciding goal was a penalty awarded against Reed for handling. Nowell took the shot and put the ball in the top right hand corner giving the goal-keepers no chance.

Brigadier F. W. L. Bissett, D.S.O., M.C., gave away the prizes to the winners and the runner-ups.

## ART EXHIBITION

### Three Hundred Pictures On View

The Exhibition of Chinese paintings by Mr. Pau Shiu Yau which opened yesterday on the 8th floor of China Building is worth a visit. There are about 300 pictures, the result of over ten years' work.

Mr. Pau is a versatile artist. He paints not only a great range of subjects such as fish, animals, flowers, plants and figures, but also in a great variety of treatment, such as decorative, academic and revolutionistic. Although his versatility has enabled him to work in any manner he likes, he prefers the academic treatment, holding that young art students and artists nowadays are too revolutionistic and out of discipline. And this is based on sound knowledge gained as a result of over 20 years' continuous practice in the art of painting.

Perhaps the most decorative and westernised picture is one titled "The Pond with Gold Fish," the prevailing colour scheme of which is green relieved by the orange tint of the gold fish. Any practising artist who has tackled a similar colour scheme will appreciate the successful harmony attained by this picture. Another somewhat westernised picture is a pair of "ostriches" in a desert in which the "background" is particularly realistic.







## DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

Hong Kong Stock Exchange Sharebrokers Association

Buyers	Sellers	Price	Volume	THURSDAY, DEC. 23.	Buyers	Sellers	Price	Volume
				<b>Banks</b>				
				H.K. Banks				
				Do. (London)				
				Chartered Banks				
				Mercantile Bks. "A"				
				Do. "C"				
				Bank of East Asia				
				N. O. & S. Banks				
				<b>Insurance</b>				
				Canton Insurance				
				Union Insurance				
				Underwriters				
				H.K. Fire				
				International Assn. S.				
				<b>Shipping</b>				
				Douglas				
				Steamships				
				Indo-China (pref.)				
				Do. (def.)				
				Shells				
				Waterways				
				<b>Mining</b>				
				Kailans				
				Do. (new)				
				Venezuela Gold Flds.				
				Hongkong Mines				
				Docks, Wharves,				
				Landmarks, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves				
				Providence (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				H.K. & W. Docks				
				Shanghai Docks S.				
				New Engineering S.				
				Lands, Hotels, and				
				Buildings				
				H.K. Hotels				
				H.K. Lands				
				Do. 4% Debentures				
				Shanghai Lands				
				Metropolitan Lands				
				H.K. Buildings				
				China Docks				
				Humphreys				
				China Estates				
				<b>Cotton Mills</b>				
				Ewo Cotton Mills				
				Shanghai Cotton Mills				
				Do. (new)				
				Wing On Textiles				
				Ewo Cotton Mills S.				
				Public Utilities				
				Tramways				
				Peak Tram (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				Star Ferry				
				Yamato Ferry				
				China Lights (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				Do. Rta				
				H.K. Electric				
				Macao Do.				
				Saukkan Light				
				Telephones (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				China Buses				
				Tramways				
				Do. (pref.)				
				<b>Industrials</b>				
				Canton Ice				
				Cement				
				Ropes				
				<b>Miscellaneous</b>				
				Ch. Stainments				
				Constructions (old)				
				Do. (new)				
				Loan Guaranty				
				Nanyang Tobacco				
				Sinco				
				Watsons				
				S. C. Enterprises				
				Gu. G. 5% 1936 G. Bds.				
				H.K. Govt. 4% Loans				
				Do. 3%				
				Wallace Harper				
				H.K. Wing Co				
				Shai Do				
				Vibro Piling				
				Marsden's Inv. (Lon.)				
				4% (H.K.)				
				Wm. Powell's				

## LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

(British Wireless Service)

	Dec. 21	Dec. 22
Paris	147-9/64	147-11/64
Geneva	21.80	21.60
Berlin	12.40	12.40
Athens		
Milan	95	95
Copenhagen		
Stockholm		
Shanghai		
New York	5.00	4.99-13/16
Amsterdam	8.99	8.98
Vienna		
Prague		
Madrid		
Lisbon		
Hong Kong		
Bombay		
Montreal	4.99-27/32	5.00
Brussels	29.42	29.43
Yokohama		
Belgrade		
Monte Video	26	26
Rio		
Bucharest		
Silver (Forward)	18	18-11/16
Silver (Spot)	18-9/16	18
War Loan	34 101-11/16	34 101-11/16

## Closing Quotations

December 22, 1937.

On London:	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	
Credits, four months	1/2
On Shanghai:	
On Demand	104
On Singapore:	
On Demand	102
On Japan:	
On Demand	108
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer	1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	
Credits, four months	1/2

## THE EXCHANGE MARKET

MESSRS. ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were lower yesterday to the extent of 3/16 for Ready and 1/16 for Forward, the quotations being 18 11/16 and 18 1/2 respectively. Silver advances reported India as having operated both ways. Speculators bought. The market was steady. American Silver was quoted at 44 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 499.80. New York-London was quoted at 499.7/8.

## MARKET

Extremely dull.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December-March and 1/2 31/32 April, buyers at 1/3 31/32 March and 1/3 April.

## U.S. DOLLARS

There were sellers at 31 1/4 December-January and 31 3/16 February-March, buyers at 31 5/16 Cash-January, 31 1/4 February-March and 31 3/16 April.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers at 108 for Spot.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

There were sellers of Sterling at 1/2 11/64, buyers at 1/2 1/16 for December, U.S. Dollars, sellers at 29 1/2, buyers at 29 1/32 for December.

## IN THE AFTERNOON

The market continued dull in the afternoon.

## STERLING

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 December-March and 1/2 31/32 31/32 April, buyers at 1/3 31/32 Cash-March and 1/3 April.

## U.S. DOLLARS

The market closed with sellers at 31 1/4 December-January and 31 3/16 February-March, buyers at 31 5/16 Cash-January, 31 1/4 February-March and 31 3/16 April.

## AMERICAN SILVER POLICY

Buying To Go On

## CO-OPERATING FOR RECOVERY

Mr. Morgenthau, Secretary of the United States Treasury, indicated recently that the Treasury would continue the Government's present silver policy. He clearly hinted that the buying programme would not be abandoned.

Mr. Henry A. Wallace, United States Secretary of Agriculture, in a wireless talk appealed for co-operation from all sections of trade and outlined a seven-point programme for agricultural and economic recovery.

Speaking on the mutual problems of agriculture, business, and labour and the ways in which the Government could help them, Mr. Wallace called on these groups to demonstrate their ability to bring about a co-ordinated drive against the business setback by co-operating wholeheartedly. This co-operation, he said, should work on the following programme:

1.—A revival of housing as outlined by President Roosevelt.

2.—Revision of taxation to cure injustice but to maintain revenue.

3.—Maintenance of farm purchasing power by an enactment to assure an evernormal granary.

4.—Maintenance of the purchasing power of labour by the formulation of a sensible labour programme.

5.—Assurance of an abundant supply of cheap credit and capital by a healthy securities market with a view to encouraging increased output and employment.

6.—Provision of Government capital in case of need to carry the burden until private capital takes over.

7.—The continuance of a careful approach for the revival of world peace and world trade by a reciprocal trade programme.—"Manchester Guardian."

## REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, Dec. 23.

The Reichsmark was quoted, without guarantee, as follows:

New York, 40.30.

Paris, 1187.

Amsterdam, 72.47.

London, 12.40.

Paris sterling 147.17 to 147.21.

Paris U.S. dollar, 29.44 to 29.45.

Transocean News Service.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(Through Reuter's Service)

## QUOTATIONS

New York, December 23

	High	Low	Last	Today's	Change
New York/London Cross-rate	5.39	5.31	5.41	5.38	.03 off
New York Cotton—Mar.	15.47	15.39	15.40	15.39	.11 off
Chicago Wheat—May	9.9	9.1	9.2	9.1	7/8 off
Chicago Corn—May	60	58	60	59	3/4 off
Winnipeg Wheat—May	117	116	117	116	1/4 off
Silver—Official					unch.

	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Dec. 23.	High	Low	Close	Change
184.40	113.64	30	Industrials	129.98	129.53	127.99	128.55	1.43 off
84.46	39.16	30	Rails	32.65	32.72	32.20	32.28	.37 off
37.64	19.54	30	Utilities	31.81	31.85	31.33	31.42	.39 off
109.89	91.54	40	Bonds	93.82	93.82	93.73	93.73	.09 off
92.44	53.03	11	Commodity Index	53.95		53.70		.25 off

Business Done:—1,154,777 shares.

Stocks Dec. 21 22

Adams Express 91 91

Allis Chalmers 54 51

Amer. Can 74 74

Amer. Car & Foundry 23 22

Amer. Cyanamid 23 22

Amer. & For. Power 44 44

Amer. & For. 47 pf. 21 21

Amer. Locomotive 23 22

Amer. Metals 32 34

Amer. Radiator 132 133

Amer. Rolling Mill 191 191

Amer. Smelting 52 50

Amer. Steel Fdries 25 25

Amer. Sugar 148 148

Amer. Tel. & Tel. 63 62

Amer. Tobacco "B" 134 12

Amer. Waterworks 33 32

Anacosta Copper 41 40

Atlantic Refining 81 81

Atlas Corp. 31 31

Auburn Motors 27 27

Baldwin Locomotive 121 112

Baltimore & Ohio 74 74

Barrisall Oil 14 14

Bendix Aviation 62 62

Bethlehem Steel 32 31

Boeing Airplane 17 17

Borden Co. 22 21

Briggs Manufacturing 91 84

Brooklyn-Manhattan 27 26

Case, J.I. 96 91

Canadian Pacific 71 71

Celanese Corp. of America 154 154

Cerro de Pasco 384 374

Certain-Tied Products 48 48

Chesapeake Corp. 384 374

Chesapeake & Ohio 564 544

Chrysler Corp. 91 82

Columbia Gas & E. 72 73

Columbia 8% "A" pf. 35 34

Commercial Credit 71 71

Commonwealth & S. 21 2

Commonwealth 44 43

Consolidated Edison 25 24

Consolidated Oil 91 91

Continental Oil 31 31

Corn. Products 60 61

Curtiss Wright (C) 15 15

Curtiss Wright "A" 17 16

Delaware & Hudson 8 7

Del. Lackawanna & Western 15 14

Distillers Corp. 40 39

Douglas Aircraft 119 118

Du Pont 71 71

Electric Boat 102 101

Elec. Bond & Share 54 54

Elec. Bond & Share 58 59

Elec. Power & Light 134 134

Elec. Power & Light 47 44

Flintstone Tire & R. 17 17

Gen. Asphalt 25 24

Gen. Cigar 45 44

Gen. Electric 32 32

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## QUESTIONS ON FAR EAST SITUATION

## British Trade Interests

London, Dec. 22. Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, assailed Mr. Graham who put the question on the subject in Commons that all possible protection was being and will be afforded British trade interests in South China. He had no information which he could properly give to the House.

Replying to Mr. A. C. Moreing regarding regulations still remaining in force regarding access to British-owned property Mr. Eden said that while the position shows some slight improvement it was still unsatisfactory. The British authorities in Shanghai had spared no efforts to secure relaxation in the conditions imposed but hitherto were not successful. He had consequently instructed Sir Robert Craigie to make representations to the Japanese Government.

Further questions were put to Mr. Eden regarding the position of the Chinese Maritime Customs. The Foreign Secretary replied that as the Japanese authorities in Shanghai had not received instructions he had instructed Sir Robert Craigie to communicate with the Japanese Government and they had promised to expedite its despatch. He was not aware there had been any change in tenancy in posts held by Britons.

Replying to Lt.-Cdr. Fletcher he understood it was not the case that pending the result of negotiations in Shanghai the Customs would be controlled by Japanese.

Reuter.

## REPORT ON RICE BUSINESS IN ANNAM

BY MR. TANG HUNG YUE OF THE SOUTH CHINA RICE DEALING COMPANY

I started from Hong Kong on July 31, and arrived at Annam six days later. I was entertained by Mr. Wu Kah-kin, manager of the Bank of East Asia, Saigon, upon whose introduction I had the opportunity to visit the Kwong Chung Hing Rice Mills, formerly "Kwong Chung Hing." These mills have been established by Mr. Chan Sui-ki who was recently decorated by His Majesty the Emperor of Annam and who is better known as the inventor of "To Tse" the Chinese shorthand system.

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Mr. Chan Sui-ki is a modern business man and a far-sighted world economist. At the time of world-wide business depression Annam was also in an unfavourable situation but Mr. Chan submitted to the Government of Annam plans for the revival of business which were unanimously adopted.

The Government of Annam has decorated him with an honourable medal, "The Gold Dragon Of Annam."

## CUSTOMS CONTROL AT SHANGHAI

London, Dec. 22.

Mr. Anthony Eden (Foreign Secretary) was questioned in Commons about Customs control at Shanghai, and replied saying "having received information that the Japanese authorities in Shanghai had not as yet received their instructions in this matter from their Government, I have instructed His Majesty's Ambassador at Tokyo to communicate further with the Japanese Government on this point, and I learn they have promised that despatch of instructions shall be expedited."

British Wireless.

## CURING TOBACCO BLINDNESS

## Results Of New Treatment

Medical research, it is stated, has discovered what appears to be a cure for blindness caused by excessive smoking of strong tobacco.

It is too early yet to say that the method is entirely successful, but it is certain that has greatly increased the rate of recovery among patients treated at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital in High Holborn, London.

Tobacco blindness arises from an excessive use of pipe tobacco by men of middle age and upwards. From perfect vision a heavy smoker of strong tobacco, such as "shag," may rapidly become so blind that he is unable to do useful work, and may have great difficulty in getting about unaided. If he abstains from tobacco the condition may clear up, but usually very slowly.

Details of the first case cured by this method at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital are given in the latest hospital report.

A man aged 46, after being in several hospitals, was accepted as a patient. For three months he made no progress. He was very run down and depressed, and could read only the largest letters on the test card. He was treated, and within one week an improvement was noticed. At the end of four weeks the man's sight had returned to normal standards.

Some 18 cases in all have been treated at the hospital, and in the great majority results have been very satisfactory.

## NEW WATERLOO BRIDGE

## Government Announces Handsome Grant

London, Dec. 22.

The Minister of Transport announced at Commons question time that the government had decided to make a 60 per cent. grant towards the cost of the new Waterloo Bridge. The decision had been reached in view of the recognition of the fact that the new bridge is an essential feature in a number of important improvements in highway facilities of the metropolis, which after review of present and future traffic requirements the government have satisfied themselves are necessary. The grant is expected to amount to a sum approaching £500,000. Dr. Burgin's announcement was welcomed by Mr. Herbert Morrison, himself a former Minister of Transport, and leader of the majority party on the London County Council.

British Wireless.

## CHINA'S EXPORTS

Hankow, Dec. 22: China's import trade through Shanghai during the month of November amounted to \$44,822,123 while her exports \$50,269,744, resulting in a favourable balance of \$5,587,621, according to figures given by the Shanghai Customs.

Central News.

## BARRIE MSS. AUCTIONED

London, Dec. 22.

The manuscripts of the late Sir James Barrie, one of the best loved of modern British writers, were auctioned in London yesterday for £22,794, and included "Ladies from Peter Pan and Wendie."

Reuter.

## EARNINGS OF THE P. &amp; O.

If the maintenance of the dividend on the Deferred stock of the P. & O. Company at 4 per cent. did not fulfil the highest hopes of all the proprietors, they are unlikely to find full compensation in the cold facts contained in the report for the 12 months ended September 30, although actually some of these should be encouraging, to thoughtful stockholders, says the "Times."

The voyage receipts, less disbursements, were £1,115,837, a reduction of £189,088. Dividends and interest were higher by £27,866 at £766,676 and miscellaneous income of £263,182, compared with £96,686 a year ago. The present increased income, however, includes a non-recurring item of £170,000, and £150,000 of this has been applied to a reserve for contingencies, including the reconditioning of steamers. A transfer from income-tax account of £74,920 compares with £7,570. Administration expenses were nearly the same at £464,091.

Depreciation amounting to £385,000 is again provided, and interest on loans and debentures is less by £48,647 at £394,716. The balance at the credit of profit and loss is £478,901, including £152,093 brought forward; the preferred dividends absorb the same amounts as a year ago, and £143,200 is carried forward. There are no such marked changes in the balance-sheet as distinguished, the accounts a year ago.

## LIMITED EFFECT OF BETTER RATES

Any stockholders who have followed even generally the course of shipping during the last few months and who have read the warnings of Lord Craigie, the chairman of the P. & O., could not have expected any important increase in the earnings of the company.

At the meeting last December he stated that the figures then available for the current year—a period of five months—were not as good as those of the previous year. Market rates of freight, although below the levels of a few weeks ago, are still very much better than they were, but liner companies, such as the P. & O., do not participate in the higher rates as soon as do the tramp owners. While the P. & O. report is for the 12 months ended September 30, it recalls that, for the purpose of the accounts the voyage results are computed to June 30, and consequently the recent improvement in liner freight rates is not fully reflected in the earnings. Some of the liner increases have only taken effect quite lately. The Indian trade is stated to have been well maintained in both directions.

## Missionary Society's Losses In China

The London Missionary Society has received in gifts and promises £35,000 towards the extinction of the accumulated deficit of £76,000. The treasurer, Mr. Austin Pilkington, is anxious that £50,000 should be reached by the end of 1937, and Christmas and New Year gifts should be addressed to him at Livingstone House, Broadway, Westminster, S.W.1. The society's losses in China have been very heavy, amounting to over £15,000 in Shanghai alone, and many missionaries have lost all their personal belongings and furniture. To commemorate the Coronation the society received £735 in 5s. gifts.

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All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 13th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 28th Dec., 1937, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD.

Agents. Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1937. [5849]

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 24th Dec., 1937, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 10th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. 26th December, 1937. [5836]

## KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND BENEFITS

London, Dec. 22.

A retired London solicitor, Mr. John Reid Barber, who died in October leaving estate of just over £200,000, bequeathed £120,000 to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

British Wireless.

## CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary. Six Hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be 1. in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors.

Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

Consignees are especially notified that it is necessary for a Revenue Officer to be present at the examination of damaged dutiable cargo.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 11th Jan., 1938, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co. Agents. Hong Kong, 22nd Dec., 1937. [5839]

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 27th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 24th Dec., 1937, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 30th Jan., 1938, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JEBSEN & CO., Agents. Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1937. [5864]



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AMOI, SWATOW, SINGAPORE & PENANG	"ANSUN"	On 26th Dec., 6 a.m.
SWATOW, SINGAPORE & TIENTSIN	"YOHOW"	On 27th Dec., Noon
HONGKONG & SINGAPORE	"MUTNAM"	On 28th Dec., 10.15 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"TSINAN"	On 28th Dec., 5 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 29th Dec., 10 a.m.
HONGKONG & HAIPHONG	"YINGHONG"	On 30th Dec., 2 p.m.
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI, CHIAOFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH"	On 4th Jan., 10 a.m.
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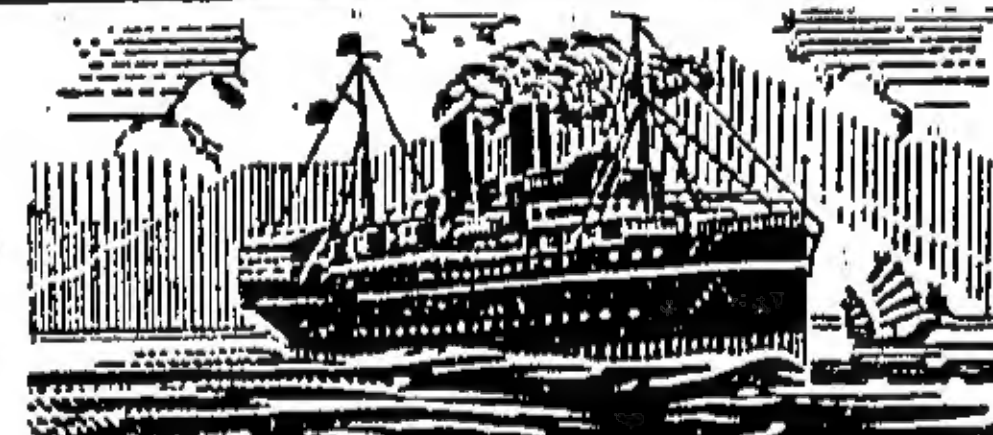
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Ardent, Norwegian steamer, Captain H. Sitter, 1,101 tons, from Shanghai, lying at Yau-mai—Chin Seng Hong.  
Hennepin, British steamer, Captain Cuthbertson, 3,755 tons, from Singapore, general cargo, lying at Stonecutters—W. R. Loxley & Co.  
Hai Tan, British steamer, Captain J. Walker, 2,225 tons, from Swatow, general cargo, berthing at Douglas Wharf—Douglas & Co.  
Hong Peng, British steamer, Captain O. Thomas, 2,525 tons, from Swatow, mooring at buoy No. A4—Ho Thong & Co.  
Marco, Italian steamer, Captain C. Franco, 830 tons, from La Spezia, general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf—Thompson & Co.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Mutnam, Danish steamer, Captain V. L. Reister, 1,739 tons, from Hoihow, general cargo, mooring at buoy No. B3—B. & S.  
Nanchang, British steamer, Captain J. Middleton, 1,488 tons, from Swatow, general cargo, mooring at buoy No. B17—B. & S.  
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<b>Chaofo, Hongkong &amp; Shanghai.</b>	Yatsing, J.M. & Co., December 29.
<b>Chaofo, Hongkong &amp; Swatow.</b>	Kwaisang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 30.
<b>Chaofo, Hongkong &amp; Tientsin.</b>	Hupei, B. & S., January 2.
<b>Dairen.</b>	Titan, B. & S., December 28.
<b>Dairen, Hongkong &amp; Haiphong.</b>	Antenor, B. & S., January 1.
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<b>Foochow, Hongkong &amp; Haiphong.</b>	Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Dec. 24.
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<b>Foochow, Hongkong &amp; Tientsin.</b>	D'Artagnan, Messageries, Dec. 25.
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## Via Canada

## RESUMPTION OF CALL AT SHANGHAI

Commencing with the Empress of Russia from Hong Kong January 26, 1938; Canadian Pacific "EMPERSES" will call at Shanghai on the eastbound voyage.

The Empress of Asia from Vancouver will call at Shanghai on January 24th, en route to Hong Kong.

SAILING TO MANILA  
EMPERESS OF JAPAN Jan. 14

TO CANADA, UNITED STATES AND EUROPE  
EMPERESS OF CANADA Dec. 24  
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA Jan. 26  
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Adrastra (B. & S.), British steamer, Capt. J. F. Webster, 4,948 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Manila, general cargo. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.

Aushan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. C. P. Miller, 1,869 tons, arrived on December 23 from Amoy. Lying at Taikoo Dock.

Ardent (Chin Sang Hong), Norwegian steamer, Capt. H. Sitter, 1,101 tons, arrived on December 23 from Shanghai. Cleared on the same day for Bangkok. Berthing at W. & Loxley & Co., British str., Capt. Patterson, 3,755 tons, arrived on December 22 from Manila. Lying at Stonecutters.

Bennet (W. R. Loxley & Co.), British str., Capt. Cuthbertson, 3,025 tons, arrived Dec. 23 from Singapore. Lying at Stonecutters.

Blackthorn (Thoresen & Co.), British steamer, Captain Reid, 2,702 tons, arrived on September 9 from Portland. Lying at North Point.

Burlwan (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., left Singapore on Dec. 21, and is due here on Dec. 24 at about noon.

Chengtu (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain B. C. Finch, 1,338 tons, arrived on December 7 from Saigon. Lying at Stonecutters.

Cleveland (Thoresen & Co.), American steamer, Capt. E. Jackson, 3,727 tons, arrived Dec. 16 from Longview Ore. Lying at North Point.

Corfu (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British steamer, Captain J. K. Chaplin, 7,388 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec. 22 from London via Singapore, general cargo. Berthing at Kowloon Wharf.

Deiara (M. & N. Y. K.), Japanese str., Captain H. Kagashima, 4,373 tons, arrived December 18 from Singapore. Lying at Kowloon Dock.

Deuonah (Butterfield & Swire), British str., is expected to arrive here from Kobe on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m.

Diamond (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. H. D. Blaney, 4,354 tons, arrived Dec. 14 from Singapore. Berthing at Holt's Wharf.

Elax (A. P. C.), British str., Captain C. W. Turner, 4,277 tons, arrived on Dec. 16 from Tarakan, fuel oil, etc. Lying at North Point.

Emmy (J. M. & Co.), Greek str., Captain J. Michalitanos, 2,474 tons, lying at Kowloon Dock.

Empress of Asia (C. P. S.), British steamer, Capt. G. Gould, 8,883 tons, left Yokohama on Dec. 21, and is due at Vancouver on Dec. 27 at 2 p.m. She leaves Vancouver on January 3 at 11 a.m. and is due at Hong Kong on Jan. 27 (Thursday) at a.m.

Empress of Canada (C.P.S.), British str., Capt. W. T. Kinley, 12,811 tons, arrived Hong Kong December 22 from Manila, general cargo, berthing at Kowloon Wharf. She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

Empress of Japan (C.P.S.), British str., Captain L. Douglas, 15,725 tons, arrived at Vancouver on Dec. 22 at 4 p.m. and leaves Vancouver on Dec. 25 at 11 a.m. She is due at Hong Kong on January 14 at a.m. and leaves for Manila on the same day in the evening.

Empress of Russia (C.P.S.), British str., Capt. T. E. Patrick, 8,786 tons, arrived Yokohama on Dec. 23 at 8.30 a.m. and left Yokohama on the same day at 2 p.m. She is due at Hong Kong on December 29 (Wednesday) at 5 p.m. and leaves Kowloon Wharf on Dec. 30 for Kowloon Dock for annual overhaul after discharge of cargo.

Ear Lee (Yee Tai Hoag), Chinese steamer, Captain T. Morel, 865 tons, lying at Taikoo Dock.

Feng Lee (Yee Tai Hoag), Chinese str., Captain Y. Kabayashi, 1,359 tons, lying at Kowloon Dock.

Foo Shing (J. M. & Co.), British steamer, Captain W. Walter, 1,423 tons, arrived on November 18 from Saigon. Mooring at buoy No. 88.

Gertrude Maerck (Jensen's), Danish str., Captain A. Jorgensen, 3,155 tons, lying at Taikoo Dock.

Hai Ching (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. D. H. Farrer, 1,322 tons, arrived on December 23 from Swatow. Cleared December 23 for Swatow.

Hai Shung (Doddwell & Co.), Chinese steamer, Captain P. Book, 2,074 tons, lying at Stonecutters.

Hai Tan (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. E. Walker, 2,225 tons, arrived on December 23 from Swatow. Berthing at Douglas Wharf.

Hai Yu (Doddwell & Co.), Chinese str., Capt. V. Andersen, 1,938 tons, lying at Stonecutters.

Hermes (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain E. B. Ellisen, 810 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Mooring at buoy No. 88.

Hong Peng (Ho Thong & Co.), British str., Capt. O. Thomas, 2,525 tons, arrived on December 23 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. 44.

Isar (Melchers & Co.), German str., left Hong Kong for Singapore on December 23.

Java (East Asiatic & Co.), Danish steamer, Capt. Skoldam, 5,535 tons, arrived on November 13 from Kobe. Mooring at buoy No. 44.

Jeyapore (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., Captain R. H. Beck, 3,290 tons, arrived on December 22 from Moji. Mooring at buoy No. 42.

Kalgan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain D. D. Richards, 1,550 tons, arrived Hong Kong Dec. 19 from Bangkok via Swatow, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B15.

Kaying (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. E. H. Histed, 1,375 tons, arrived on December 14 from Canton. Mooring at Taikoo Dock.

Kingman (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. N. Hardie, 1,549 tons, arrived on December 22 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. B14.

Kitano Maru (N.Y.K.), Japanese str., Capt. K. Fukunaga, 4,328 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Manila, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. A7.

Luchow (B. & S.), British str., Capt. E. Johnson, 1,221 tons, arrived here Dec. 21 from Swatow, general cargo. Mooring at buoy No. 83.

Lyceum (Melchers & Co.), German str., Capt. E. Holmes, 1,734 tons, arrived on December 22 from Saigon. Mooring at buoy No. B9.

Mabella (Thoresen & Co.), Norwegian str., Captain Thoresen, 840 tons, arrived on December 18 from Bangkok. Mooring at buoy No. B10.

Marek (Thoresen & Co.), Italian str., Capt. C. Francesco, 880 tons, arrived December 23 from La Spezia Italia. Lying at Kowloon Bay.

Mennon (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, is expected to arrive here from Singapore on Dec. 24 at 6 a.m.

Mis Hock (Chin Sang Hong), Norwegian str., Captain P. Eilerston, 1,805 tons, arrived December 22 from Saigon. Cleared December 22 for Shanghai.

Munim (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. V. L. Reiter, 1,782 tons, arrived Dec. 23 from Hoihow. Mooring at buoy No. B3.

Naham (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Capt. J. Middleton, 1,488 tons, arrived on November 18 from Amoy. Lying at La Chi Kok.

Produce (Texas & Co.), Norwegian steamer, Capt. E. Winnes, 743 tons, arrived on November 14 from Macao. Lying at Stonecutters.

Promis (K. Larsen & Co.), Norwegian str., Capt. Hvidt, 727 tons, arrived here December 21 from Hongay. Lying at Stonecutters.

Queen Adelaide (Doddwell & Co.), British str., Captain C. H. Redford, 2,993 tons, arrived Dec. 20 from San Pedro. Lying at Junk Bay.

Rannura (P. & O. S.N. Co.), British str., Capt. J. Leza, 9,331 tons, arrived December 23 from Shanghai. Mooring at buoy No. A1.

R.C. Rickmers (Jensen & Co.), German str., Captain Ransbach, 3,192 tons, arrived on December 19 from Manila. Lying at Stonecutters.

Salem (Seoony & Co.), sailed from Hong Kong for Canton on December 22.

Sandviken (J. M. & Co.), British str., Capt. P. Fiesch, 1,775 tons, arrived Dec. 21 from Singapore, gen. cargo. Mooring at buoy No. B97.

Scharnhorst (Melchers & Co.), German str., Captain R. Pries, 10,712 tons, is expected to arrive here from Shanghai on Dec. 25 at 7 a.m. and will dock at the Kowloon Wharf. She is expected to sail on the same day at 10 p.m. for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports.

Seistan (Douglas & Co.), British str., Capt. R. C. Crear, 1,571 tons, arrived Dec. 18 from Campha, coal. Berthing at H.K. Electric Wharf.

Shun Chih (W. & Loxley & Co.), British steamer, Capt. W. Lee, 1,173 tons, arrived on December 15 from Swatow. Mooring at buoy No. C1.

Silverwalnut (Furness's), British str., Capt. J. Smith, 3,556 tons, arrived Dec. 14 from New York via Manila, gen. cargo. Cleared December 23 for Manila.

Sinking (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain Gamble, 1,616 tons, arrived December 21 from Haiphong. Mooring at buoy No. B20.

Sirdhana (M. & Co.), British str., Capt. J. G. Radge, 4,835 tons, arrived Dec. 22 from Singapore, general cargo. Berthing at Kowloon Wharf. Cleared on or about Friday, Dec. 24, at 7 a.m. for Amoy, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.

Szechuen (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. Atkins, 1,594 tons, arrived Dec. 19 from Amoy, gen. cargo. Cleared Dec. 23 for Shanghai.

Tai Poo Sek (Tai Fung & Co.), French str., Capt. J. Bonnamour, 1,219 tons, arrived Dec. 21 from K. C. Wan. Cleared December 23 for K. C. Wan.

Taiyuan (Butterfield & Swire), British str., Captain J. K. Clark, 2,109 tons, arrived December 22 from Canton. Lying at Taikoo Dock.

Talamba (M. & Co.), British str., Captain D. B. C. Sinclair, 3,844 tons, lying at Taikoo Dock.

Travy (Melchers & Co.), German str., is expected to arrive here on January 14 from Shanghai, and will probably sail for Europe on the same day.

Unita (Doddwell & Co.), Norwegian str., Capt. H. Kramo, 2,343 tons, lying at La Chi Kok.

Vag Hentz (J. C. J. Line), Dutch str., Captain G. A. Beruis, 2,749 tons, arrived Dec. 22 from Amoy & Swatow. Cleared Dec. 23 for Singapore.

Vardaa (A. P. C.), Norwegian steamer, Captain F. Larsen, 1,869 tons, lying at North Point.

Wing Wo (Tai Fung & Co.), Portuguese str., Capt. L. d. Lemos, 485 tons, arrived Dec. 13 from K. C. Wan. Berthing at Saikong Wharf.

Yochow (Butterfield & Swire), British steamer, Captain D. Wilson, 1,630 tons, arrived on December 21 from Tientsin. Mooring at buoy No. B1.

Yuen Sang (J. M. & Co.), British str., Captain W. J. Laurence, 1,853 tons, arrived December 21 from Kobe. Cleared Dec. 23 for Singapore.

## IN RADIO TOUCH

The following is the list of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong Radio:—

Turbo. Munim, President McKinley, Shinkyo Maru, Alexia, Rannura, Houtman, and Swartenhondt.

## S.S. BURDWAN

The P. and O. S.N. Co.'s s.s. Burdwan left Singapore on Dec. 21, and is due here on December 26 at about noon.

## M.S. TRAVE

The m.s. Trave is expected to arrive from Shanghai Jan. 14, and will probably sail for Europe on the same day.

## S.S. SCHARNHORST

The s.s. Scharnhorst is expected to arrive here from Shanghai on December 25 at 7 a.m. and will dock at the Kowloon Wharf. She is expected to sail the same day at 10 p.m. for Europe via Manila, Singapore and ports.

## FROM THE RANKS TO SQUADRON LEADER

## Rapid R.A.F. Promotion

A man who joined the Royal Air Force as an aircraft apprentice in 1921, when he was 15, has been appointed Squadron Leader. He is Squadron Leader W. F. Freebody.

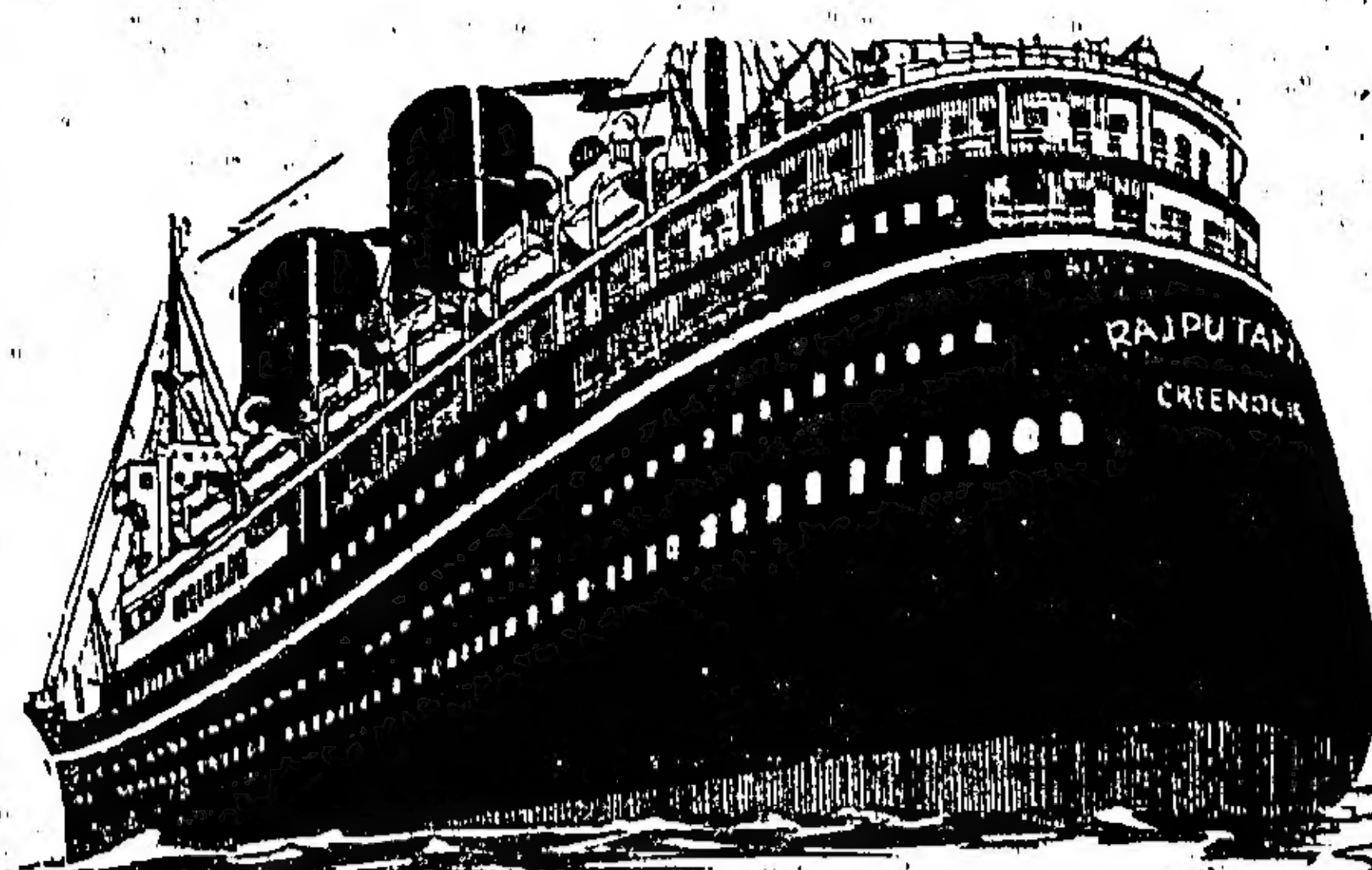
A squadron leader is equivalent to a lieutenant-commander in the Navy or a major in the Army. In 1924 Squadron Leader Freebody, after being in the R.A.F. for three years, gained a cadetship at Cranwell.

On leaving Cranwell in July, 1926, he was appointed to No. 11 Bomber Squadron, with which he served, until 1930, when he was selected to specialise in engineering.

After service with No. 111 Fighter Squadron he qualified on Fleet Air Arm aircraft, and in 1935-36 was in No. 803 Squadron in the aircraft-carrier Hermes in the Far East.

He is at present second-in-command of the new No. 114 Bomber Squadron, stationed at Wyton, Hunts.

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*KIDDERPORE	5,000	15th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & Persian Gulf.
*COBPU	14,500	22nd Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & London.
*BURDWAN	6,000	29th Jan.	Bombay, Karachi & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	8th Feb.	Marsa, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	14,500	15th Feb.	Bombay, Karachi & London.
*SOMALI	7,000	22nd Feb.	Marsa, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
COMORIN	15,000	5th Mar.	Bombay, Karachi & London.
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SHIRAHANA	8,000	11th Jan.	Amoy & Japan
CHITRAL	15,000	18th Jan.	Amoy & Japan
TILAWA	10,000	25th Jan.	Amoy & Japan
CARTHAGE	14,500	31st Jan.	Amoy & Japan
SANTHA	8,000	3rd Feb.	Amoy & Japan
COMORIN	15,000	10th Feb.	Amoy & Japan
TANDA	7,000	17th Feb.	Amoy & Japan
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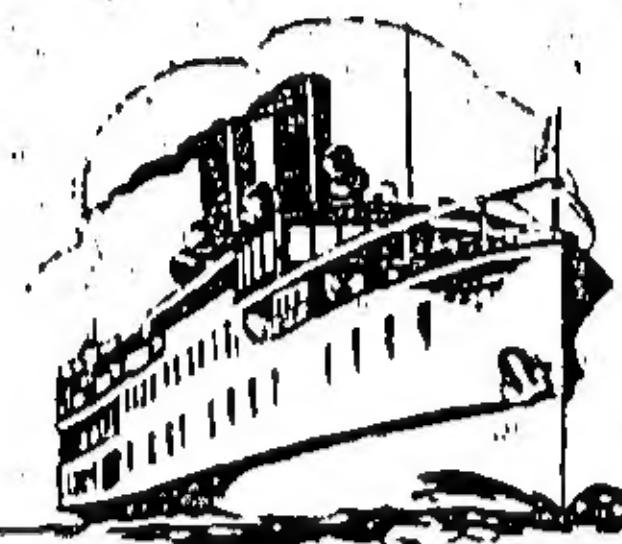


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Straits & Ceylon	Scharnhorst	Singapore, Penang, Batavia, Colombo	Dec. 25
	Trave	Singapore, Batavia, Colombo	Jan. 14
Manila	Scharnhorst	Manila	Dec. 25
Japan	Potsdam	Yokohama, Kobe	Jan. 9
North China & Japan	Fulda	Dairen, Tsingtau	Jan. 13
South Sea Islands	Friedrich	Madang, Salamaua, Tulagi, Rabaul, etc.	Feb. 3
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## SHARK AND BABY HOOKED IN SINGAPORE

Although the crew of the P. and O. liner "Ranchi," which was in Penang harbour recently, were over 400 miles from Singapore, they still could not get over the excitement they were given over the capture of a 350-lb mother shark and her baby.

A steward stated that the monster was fished through accident. "We were all excited over the incident. It appears that a big hook was lowered into the sea by a steward while the liner was berthed alongside the pier in Singapore."

"Just before we left for Penang the previous morning the steward felt a tug and received a shock when he found that a seven-foot shark was dangling on the hook. The monster was hauled up by means of a rope, 20 members of the crew helping in the capture. We cut off the head and then found a baby in the stomach. We threw the mother's body and the small creature back into the sea. I have here two small teeth, from the shark which I am keeping as a souvenir."

In their excitement they forgot the fact that a shark's body could be put to many good uses, and they missed some delicious dishes.

## NEW AIR RECORD

### Maryse Hilsz's Triumph

Paris, Dec. 23: The famous French aviatrix, Maryse Hilsz, beat the record for the flight from Paris to Saigon established by the Frenchman, M. Japy, in 1935. Maryse Hilsz started on Sunday from Paris and reached Saigon to-day having covered the distance in 92 hours 31 minutes and thereby beating Japy's record by four hours 21 minutes.

## QUEEN SENDS THANKS

London, Dec. 23. The Queen, who is President of St. Mary's Hospital, has through her Private Secretary sent a letter of thanks to Meyerstein for the gift of £22,578 for acquisition of land adjoining the hospital necessary for its proposed extension. Earlier in the year Meyerstein presented a dental research laboratory to the hospital of which he is Vice-President.

## PALESTINE OIL RESTRICTION

Jerusalem, Dec. 23: The Mandatory Government has officially published new laws regulating the production of oil in Palestine which in future will be subject to legal restrictions similar to those prevailing in Iraq and all oil producing countries in the Near East.

## DEATH OF MR. G. KING

Former Shanghai Judge  
London, Dec. 23. The death has occurred of Mr. Gilbert King, a former Judge in Shanghai, at Reigate.

## R.A.F. BOATS AT SINGAPORE

London, Dec. 23. Four of the five flying boats of No. 204 squadron Royal Air Force which left Plymouth on December 2 to fly to Australia arrived at Singapore yesterday from Penang. They are due to remain until January 10. A further flying boat will be sent from England shortly to take the place of the fifth aircraft of the squadron which arrived at Akrah with engine trouble on Dec. 15.

## SHANGHAI BOGUS GOVERNMENT

Hankow, Dec. 23: The so-called "Tatao (Greatway) Municipal Government," recently formed at Pootung took over policing in the refugee zone at Nantao to-day, according to a foreign report received here to-day.

Police of the bogus government wearing black uniforms and yellow arm-bands appeared in the zone.

## RIFLE CLUB DINNER

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some members, owing to the fact that the H. M. S. Medway was due to sail for Singapore on a normal cruise in January. They were expected back, however, in March and, he hoped, in time for the Services and Blisley prize meetings.

Major Steers, replying, said that he was exceedingly glad to see that the 4th Submarine Flotilla Rifle Club had such a strong and active list of members. He recalled the splendid work of the late Lieut. (E) A. C. Berlyn R.N. in fostering enthusiasm and interest when the Club was first started, and said that the fact that its membership had grown from 18 at the end of 1935 to its present number showed what could be done if one was keen and was prepared to work. He concluded by wishing the Club continued success.

## BULLION CIRCLES SURPRISED

### New Industrial Base Price For Silver

London, Dec. 23. Considerable surprise is expressed in bullion circles here at Bombay's reception of Handy and Harman's new industrial base price for silver. It is pointed out that Handy and Harman probably fixed the price on London parity adding shipping charges in New York et cetera in order to place them in a competitive position on the London market in dealing with the United States. The price was unchanged at 45 cents at which business was actually done with the United States Treasury yesterday. As a leading broker, interviewed by Reuters said, "The only price which counts is the United States Treasury price of 45 cents for foreign silver in American bars. Handy and Harman's industrial base price does not affect the situation except sentimentally." Opinion is general that Handy and Harman will continue fixing the base price on London parity possibly at 1/16 and over.

## BEGGED FROM CONSTABLE

### Chinese Remanded For Examination

A mendicant, Lai Yan, 38, who persisted in asking a uniformed European constable for money, was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with begging in Lockhart Road.

Police Constable M. K. Ross said he was standing in the road when Lai, 10 cents, in English. He told the man to go away, but Lai persisted and was arrested.

Defendant denied that he had asked the constable for money, saying he only asked for a match to light his cigarette.

Inspector Baker said after being brought to Wanchai Station, the man continued to beg from a European Sub-Inspector.

The man was remanded for examination.

## COLONY'S LEASED TERRITORY

### Questions In Commons

London, Dec. 23: Mr. L. Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, in the House of Commons to-day, replying to questions put by Mr. Arthur Henderson to the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, said that the territory adjacent to Hong Kong is held by the British Government and is garrisoned by British troops but he should explain that the leased territory is properly to be regarded as an integral part of the Colony for the period of the lease.

The Secretary for War stated that no instructions had been given to the officers commanding with the object of preventing the use of such territory by Japanese forces invading any other adjacent Chinese territory.

## MUSIC HALL FIRE

Bucharest, Dec. 23: Fire broke out yesterday at 9 p.m. during a crowded first-night performance at one of the biggest Bucharest music halls, "Vox". Panic-stricken spectators rushed to the doors but fortunately only a few persons suffered minor injuries.

## U.S. POLICY IN FAR EAST

### The Neutrality Act

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives recently decided to report unfavourably on a resolution which would require President Roosevelt to answer nine questions dealing with the position of the American Government in relation to the Sino-Japanese hostilities. The resolution was introduced in the House by Mr. Francis Case, and a letter from the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, was accepted as conveying authoritatively all the information required. Mr. Case's principal question was whether the State Department "is using the Neutrality Act as an instrument of policy," and it apparently drew its inspiration from a statement made in the House by Mr. Sam McReynolds, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. He had said that he thought Japan and the Fascist countries would be more aided by the putting into effect of the Act than otherwise, and was quoted as adding: "I am not saying we should aid China, but I want to stick a dagger into those countries that are trying to create dictatorships and trying to ruin the world."

To Mr. Case's question Mr. Hull's reply was that the State Department's policy was entirely dependent on the President's decision whether or not a state of war existed between China and Japan, though neither had declared war. To other questions his answers were that American officials in China from the beginning of hostilities had urged and helped American citizens to withdraw; that the Department was not issuing passports for China generally; that arms shipments to both countries were on a cash basis; and that the United States had no armed forces in the Japanese Empire, but did maintain them in Peking, Tientsin, and Shanghai to protect her nationals and aid evacuation.

It was announced that licences for arms worth \$5,740,000 (£1,148,000) had been granted in November, of which a little over \$1,000,000 worth are for China, over \$800,000 worth for Soviet Russia, and over \$500,000 worth for Japan.

## LEAGUE'S 100TH MEETING

Geneva, Dec. 23: The Secretary General of the League of Nations has summoned the Council and members to the 100th meeting to be held on January 17, 1938. The French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, will act as President of the Council.

## WEATHER REPORT

### HONG KONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., Dec. 23.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.96 ins.  
Temperature, 65 F.  
Humidity, 85 per cent.  
Wind Direction, East.  
Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.  
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 63 F.  
Temperature; minimum last night, 61 F.  
Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 10th day, nil.  
Total rainfall since January 1, 82.49 ins.  
Against an average of 84.87 ins.  
Sunset to-night, 5.45 p.m.  
Sunrise, to-morrow, 7.00 a.m.  
4 p.m., Dec. 23.  
Barometer (at sea level), 29.86.  
Temperature, 65. Humidity, 86.  
Wind Direction, East. Wind Force (Beaufort), 4. Maximum temperature, 68. Minimum temperature, 61.  
Rainfall, nil.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 24, to 31, 1937

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Day of Week	Time	Day of Week	Time
Fri. 24	10.47	Sat. 25	10.27
Sat. 25	10.27	Sun. 26	10.04
Sun. 26	10.04	Mon. 27	09.42
Mon. 27	09.42	Tues. 28	09.17
Tues. 28	09.17	Wed. 29	08.50
Wed. 29	08.50	Thur. 30	08.22
Thur. 30	08.22		

## FOREIGN MAILS

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Saturday the 25th December, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and also from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes, one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m.

On Monday the 27th December the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and other Branch Post Offices will be closed, but postage stamps may be obtained at the back counter of the G. P. O. from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays. Ordinary correspondence will be sent out for delivery at 11.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Registered correspondence at 4.00 p.m. only.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

### HONG KONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December, 1937 to 6th January 1938, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

Air Mail Service to Shanghai is temporarily suspended.

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office at the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces, for all countries. Hongkong, China and Macao at 2 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

## INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
STRAITS, MANILA and London Parrels (London date, 11th November)	Memnon	24th Dec.
JAPAN	Atsuta Maru	24th Dec.
CALCUTTA and STRAITS	Swansea	24th Dec.
HAIPHONG	U. G. Paul Downer	24th Dec.
ST. AITIA	Conde Verde	24th Dec.
JAPAN	Deucalion	24th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Scharnhorst	24th Dec.
SAIGON	D'Ariaguan	24th Dec.
STRAITS	Burda	24th Dec.
SHANGHAI, FOCHOW and SWATOW	Shanwang	24th Dec.
BANGKOK and SWATOW	Yingchow	24th Dec.
SEARAI and AMOY	Tinian	24th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th December	Pan-American Airways Plane	26th Dec.
SAIGON	Barentz	26th Dec.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th December	Imperial Airways Plane	27th Dec.
JAPAN	Rakuyo Maru	27th Dec.
HAIPHONG	Caston	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Titan	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Agapenor	27th Dec.
JAPAN and SHANGHAI	Atlas II	27th Dec.
STRAITS	Cromar	27th Dec.
JAPAN	Ryufuku Maru	27th Dec.

## OUTWARD MAILS

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 8 p.m. on the previous day.

FOR	PER	DATE and TIME
FRIDAY		
Samahni and Wuchow	Thung On	Friday, 24th, 8.15 AM
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalgan	8.30 AM
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Kongmoon	On Lee	10.00 AM
Japan and "EUROPE via Siberia"	Toru	10.30 AM
Japan and "EUROPE via Siberia" and South America and "EUROPE via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C. 18th Jan. 1938.	Emp. of Canada	Parcel 1.00 PM Reg. 9.15 PM Ord. 3.00 PM
Hohow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kingyuan	3.00 PM
Airmail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service.	C.N.A.C. Plane	Kowloon P.O. Reg. 24th 5.00 PM Ord. 24th 5.00 PM G.P.O. Reg. 24th 5.00 PM Ord. 24th 5.00 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 24th Jan., 1938	Atsuta Maru	Reg. 5.30 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
SATURDAY		
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permits).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 21st January 1938	Ranpura	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 24th 9.45 AM Ord. 24th 10.30 AM
Samahni and Wuchow	Tai Ming	8.15 AM
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon) 1st Mail for "K.L.M. Service"—due Amsterdam, 2nd Jan. '38	Fook On	8.00 AM
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